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Strougal resigns as Czech premier

PRAGUE (R) — Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal, regarded as a prime backer of economic reform within the country's conservative leadership, resigned Monday. The official Cetecka news agency said that Communist Party leader Milan Jakes had recommended to the Central Committee that it should vote to accept Strougal's resignation from the post he has held since 1979. Strougal also submitted his resignation from the presidium (parliament), the party's innermost policy-making body. Cetecka did not say when the Central committee, roughly equivalent to the party's parliament, would vote on Strougal's request. But Western diplomats said the vote was a formality after Jakes backed the move. Also resigning at the plenary session of the Central Committee was Slovak Republic Premier Peter Ciolik. In his speech to the session, Jakes also announced changes in the top-ruling politburo, the party secretariat, the Central Committee and federal, Czech and Slovak governments. Jakes was quoted as saying the proposed changes "proceed from the need for a new deployment of leading cadres in the interest of mastering the demanding tasks of economic and social restructuring."

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Sfeir to seek to end deadlock

BEIRUT (AP) — Christian members of parliament Monday authorised Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, head of the dominant Maronite Catholic community, to negotiate with rival factions to elect a new Lebanese president in a bid to end a major political crisis. "We have given the patriarch the authorisation to negotiate in order to reach agreement as soon as possible on the president who will be elected by parliament," Deputy Albert Mokhaiber declared. Mokhaiber, who is the deputy parliament speaker, made the statement after the 29 parliamentarians met for 2½ hours with Sfeir at his seat in suburban Bkirki. "We have pledged to abide by any agreement the patriarch reaches in order to resolve the current crisis," Mokhaiber said. He indicated that a new president might be elected before Oct. 18, when the term of Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini expires. "I expect a new president will be elected soon so that we can elect a speaker on the 18th," he said, without elaboration. The Christians' new move appeared to suggest that Sfeir would sound out Muslim leaders, and possibly Syria and the United States, on a compromise candidate. Hoss rejects federal system, page 5

AROUND THE WORLD...

Goulding visits Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — The United Nations official in charge of Middle East peace-keeping operations arrived in Baghdad Monday to inspect Gulf war peacekeepers patrolling the Iran-Iraq border. U.N. Under Secretary-General Marrack Goulding will also meet Iraqi officials and brief the commander of the unarmed U.N. observer group, General Slavko Jovic, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

Arab parties to gain at Labour's expense

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Arabs will cast more votes than ever for predominantly Arab lists in Nov. 1 general elections at the expense of Israel's Labour Party, according to an opinion poll published Monday. The poll, in the newspaper Yediot Aharanot, said Israel's 600,000-strong Arab minority would elect nine members of parliament from Arab parties and five from Jewish-dominated parties. There are 120 seats in Israel's parliament. Labour will get two seats from Arab voters compared to four it got in the 1984 elections, according to the poll conducted by the Arab weekly Kol Al Arab and the Telseker polling firm.

Pinochet vows to stay in power until 1990

SANTIAGO (R) — Chilean military leader General Augusto Pinochet said Sunday he has ruled out opposition demands for constitutional reforms and would not step down until March of 1990 following his defeat in a plebiscite on his 15-year-old government. In a television interview, Pinochet ruled out opposition demands for reforms in the country's constitution which allows him to continue in power another 17 months after losing a bid for a new eight-year term in Wednesday's plebiscite.

Greek council rules Arab's extradition

ATHENS (AP) — A judicial council Monday decided in favour of extraditing a Palestinian accused of a bomb blast aboard a PanAm jetliner in 1982. Defense lawyers however, appealed to the Areos Pagos, Greece's supreme court, to revoke the extradition decision of 39-year-old Mohammad Rashid. The country's highest judicial body will hear the case within a month.

Israel seeks to raise Moscow mission level

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is seeking to raise the level of its first mission in the Soviet Union since 1967 by appointing a senior diplomat to head the consular delegation, a foreign ministry official said Monday. He said Israel would in the near future seek Soviet approval for Arye Levine, who has the rank of a deputy director-general of the ministry, to replace First Secretary Miron Gordon as head of the mission.

Vassiliou begins visit to France

PARIS (AP) — Cyprus President Georges Vassiliou met Monday with President Francois Mitterrand at the start of a two-day official visit to France. During his stay Vassiliou will also see other top officials including Prime Minister Michel Rocard. Vassiliou was expected to bring the French up to date on U.N.-sponsored talks he has been holding with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş aimed at reaching a settlement to reunite the war-partitioned island.

Ethiopian president starts Syrian visit

DAMASCUS (R) — Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam arrived Monday for an official visit to Syria, surprising diplomats here who believe Syria supports rebels in the northern province of Eritrea. Officials said the visit, the first by an Ethiopian leader to Syria, comes at the invitation of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Race-based polls begin in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa, facing defiant calls from church and anti-apartheid groups to boycott race-based municipal elections, declared polling booths open Monday well in advance of the Oct. 26 vote. "Voters who cannot or don't want to vote on election day, Oct. 26, may make use of prior votes. The strict regulations governing special or postal votes in parliamentary elections don't apply," state-run radio news reported.

Moscow: Only 12 held for political offences

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet Foreign Ministry official Monday disputed western estimates of political prisoners in his country saying only about a dozen people were serving sentences for political offences. Alexei Gukhov, deputy head of the Foreign Ministry's humanitarian and cultural contacts department, said that all those being held had committed offences against Soviet law, the TASS news agency reported.

Rocket attacks on Kabul kill five

KABUL (AP) — Guerrillas fired rockets at the capital during the night, killing five or six people, a government official said Monday. The muffled boom of rockets was heard intermittently throughout the night in Kabul, starting about an hour after sundown Sunday. The government official said he did not know how many people were injured and could not provide further details (Kabul jittery, page 5).

Sudan's minister thanks Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Visiting Sudanese Defence Minister Abdul Maged Hamed Khalil Monday personally thanked Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for sending aid to famine and flood stricken Sudan, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. Khalil is the first top-level Sudanese official to visit Baghdad since Sudan accused an Iraqi diplomat of the murder of denied Iraqi leader Mahdi Al Hakim in Khartoum in January. Iraq denied the accusation, which it said was fabricated by pro-Iranian circles, and withdrew its ambassador. Relations have since steadily improved.

Sudan asks UNICEF to stop work

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese government has told UNICEF to stop distributing relief aid to areas in south Sudan controlled by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), a senior government official said Monday. The government had information that UNICEF (the U.N. Children's Fund) and some smaller relief agencies were operating in SPLA-held areas along the Kenyan border, he told Reuters. He said relief to the south, where the war against the rebels has created widespread famine, should be handled by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Papandreou leaves London hospital

LONDON (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou left a London hospital Monday following heart surgery last month. His long-time companion, former Olympic Airways stewardess Dimitra Liani, was at his side as he left for a London hotel. A Greek embassy spokesman said Papandreou, 69, could be back at work within 12 days. He would stay at the hotel for about 10 days before flying home. "We are talking in terms of a very, very speedy recovery," the spokesman said.

Benjedid pledges political reforms

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid Monday promised wide-ranging political reform in an attempt to end nearly a week of riots.

But he said in a nationwide television address that the economic austerity drive which sparked the trouble would continue and he pledged a firm line against what he called sabotage. "There will be political reforms in all fields... there is a programme being prepared and it will be put to the people to decide on," he said.

The president, speaking slowly and calmly for 25 minutes, said the reforms would be "total and comprehensive" and could even change the institutions and constitutional foundations of the Algerian state.

"They will deal with many of our economic and political problems... we open the field for real nationalist forces to take part without exception," he added. "I promise our nation we will respect their desire for political changes in their widest meaning," Benjedid said.

He told Algerians the country was going through dangerous times but maintained his government would take a firm line against sabotage. He also said economic reform measures would

continue. The president hinted that he did not wish to stand for reelection at the party congress at the end of this year.

He stressed his own respect for the constitution, and said he was elected against his will in 1979. Taken together, the two statements signified his wish to retire, since the constitution does not foresee a president serving more than two terms.

It had been widely assumed that the party congress would amend the constitution to allow him to continue in office. He was certain to be reelected as the sole candidate for president.

Benjedid said his government would propose the envisaged political reforms to a popular referendum.

The speech appeared to have been recorded prior to riots Monday. He said he deeply regretted "the material and human losses." But he justified the martial law measures imposed to quell it and said he would "not allow the country fall into anarchy."

Benjedid swore "to respect the popular will and to facilitate the

rise of young people to the leadership." But he said these changes must take place in a calm atmosphere.

"We have the courage to recognise our mistakes and to restore the situation," he said. "I would like you to help me."

In Monday's riots, security forces caused dozens of casualties, including some deaths, when they opened fire to disperse an illegal protest march called by Muslim militants, eyewitnesses said.

Before Monday's clashes, unofficial estimates of the death toll since rioting started last Tuesday have varied from 100 up to 200, but no official casualty figures have been released.

Monday's march was called by Muslim Brotherhood leader Ali Belhadj who later sought to have it cancelled ahead of the televised speech by Benjedid.

During the day, most downtown offices were closed down and traffic reduced to a trickle in the city.

But before the latest incident erupted in Bab Al Oued, the government made a last-moment effort to improve the supply of consumer goods.

Early Monday morning, large stocks of flour, butter and cooking oil were delivered to retailers, both state-operated stores and private shops.

Jordan outlines Al Wihdah project to financing agencies

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

AMMAN — Water and Irrigation Minister Ahmad Dakqhan Monday urged international agencies to expedite the process of financing more than half the cost of building a planned \$440 million Al Wihdah dam on the border with Syria.

"Jordan needs Al Wihdah (dam) now and that cannot be stressed enough," the minister told a meeting attended by financial, technical and construction experts from seven countries and six development and financing agencies. "Our government has taken all the steps necessary to accelerate the completion of this vital project."

Speaking at the opening session of three-day "donors" meeting here, Dakqhan said the dam would increase irrigated farming in the Jordan Valley, supply 50 million cubic metres of water per

year to the Amman-Zarqa area and Eastern Heights and generate electricity to satisfy the Kingdom's future needs.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at JD 127.9 million. The total investment cost of the 100-metre high raisable dam is estimated at JD 176 million.

Dakqhan said the funding requirement in foreign currency was estimated at JD 99.1 million.

He stressed that as the projected demand for water in Jordan will far outstrip the potential supply, "the construction of viable projects such as Al Wihdah dam become imperative."

A contract for the construction of the dam's diversion tunnel was awarded Aug. 21 and work has begun and is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1, 1989.

Dakqhan told reporters Jordan wanted financing agencies attending the conference to lend up to \$260 million of the dam's total cost of \$440 million, with the treasury paying the rest.

The dam, first conceived as early as 1956, will be built in the northern area of Maqarin to store the waters of the Yarmouk River, a tributary of the Jordan River.

Under an agreement signed between Jordan and Syria in September last year, the Kingdom, heading towards water shortages in the next decade, will use all the dam's water for drinking or irrigation while Syria will get 75 per cent of generated hydro-electric power.

Officials at the meeting told the Jordan Times the financing for the project from foreign agencies had already been secured in principle and that the present meeting was "more or less a formality."

"There is no doubt about financing," one official stressed. Financing agencies include the World Bank and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Planning Minister Taher Kaanan said in an opening speech at

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Palestinians urge world action to end Israeli brutality

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Underground Palestinian leaders have called for international intervention to stop Israeli repression in the occupied territories after a day of clashes left three Palestinians dead.

Troops shot and killed two Palestinians in the West Bank during searches Sunday for sus-

pected activists, and a Gaza Strip man was killed after allegedly attacking an Israeli guard with a knife, a military spokesman said.

The army said eight other protesters were wounded Sunday, but hospital officials put the number at 23. Sunday's violence increased the casualty toll of the past three days to nine dead and more than 70 wounded.

Soviet Union, France agree to boost ties

PARIS (R) — France and the Soviet Union agreed Monday to step up ties, fixing a calendar of summit meetings between President Francois Mitterrand and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The agreement was announced by Mitterrand's spokesman after a 75-minute meeting between the socialist president and visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

The spokesman said Mitterrand would visit the Soviet Union Nov. 25-26 for talks with Gorbachev and to watch the launch of a Soviet rocket with Frenchman Jean-Loup Chretien aboard from the Baikonur space centre.

Gorbachev will visit France during the first half of 1989, the spokesman said. No date was

given. French officials said the agreement would restore the system of alternate summits, which had taken place annually until 1986.

"Both the president of the republic and Mr. Shevardnadze considered it would be a good thing to return to alternate summit meetings," an official at the presidential palace said.

The official said, however, there was no binding agreement to hold the summits every year.

The yearly summits were broken off because of differences over various issues including arms control as well as the confused political situation in France during the past two years, when Mitterrand ruled in uneasy tandem with a conservative government.

In their leaflet, leaders of the uprising called on the United Nations to intervene to force Israel to reopen schools and universities in the occupied territories and urged residents to organise sit-in demonstrations at foreign embassies and the U.N. offices. Israeli authorities have closed the classrooms.

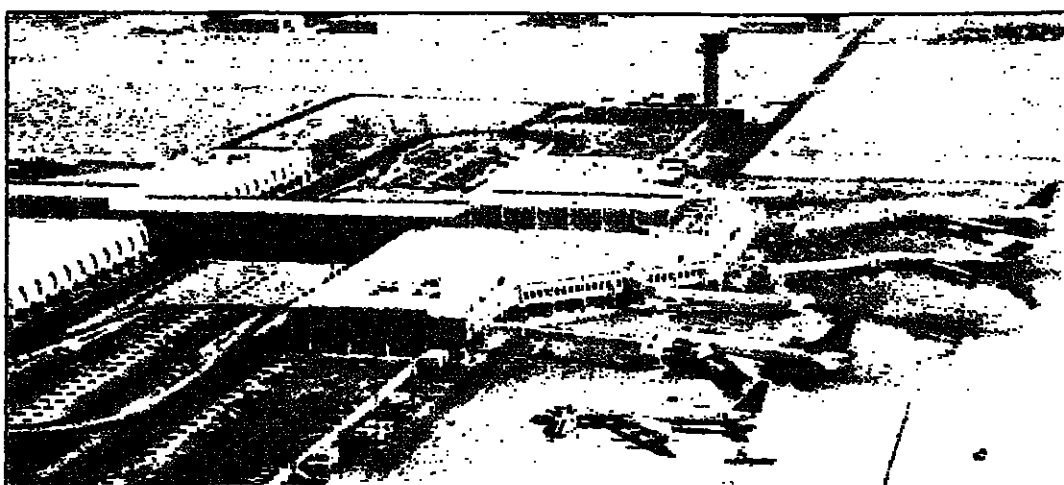
The uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip entered its 11th month Sunday. Stores were closed and public transportation was paralysed in a general strike to mark the anniversary.

Meanwhile, the number of Palestinian casualties climbed. The military spokesman said the army went on an "offensive" and entered more than 30 towns and villages to search for suspects and make arrests Sunday.

In protests in the West Bank Monday, troops shot and wounded at least three Palestinians in clashes when they raided the villages of Al Til and Bala'a in the Tulkarm region to make arrests and remove Palestinian flags and slogans.

Palestinian sources reported four wounded in Bala'a.

Spontaneous commercial strikes were staged in Tulkarm, Ramallah and Qalqilya in protest at the killing of four Palestinians by Israeli troops in Nablus last Friday.



Queen Alia International Airport

King visits QAIA, briefed on RJ engineering activities

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday visited Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) and inspected the engineering department, the engine maintenance workshop and the duty-free shop.

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Executive President Ali Ghandour and senior officials briefed the King on the nature of work at the engineering and maintenance departments as well as the duty-free shop.

The King paid tribute to the efforts of RJ in the service of the country and wished RJ personnel further success and progress.

The King was accompanied by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Armed Forces Com-

mander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and the Royal Jordanian Air Force commander.

Prime minister returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Monday returned to Amman from London after accompanying His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on a visit to the United Kingdom during which he met with a number of British officials. Rifai was received upon arrival by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Dhuqan Al Hindawi and a number of ministers.

Queen Mother opens charity bazaar

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Zain, the Queen Mother, Monday inaugurated an annual charity bazaar organised by diplomatic missions in Jordan in cooperation with the Um Al Hussein Orphanage.

The proceeds of the bazaar, which opened at the Palace of Culture of Al Hussein Youth City, will benefit the orphanage's activities.

Ladies from the diplomatic community and scores of orphaned children from the orphanage were among those welcoming the Queen Mother upon her arrival at the Palace of Culture.

The secretary of a society in

charge of the orphanage, Mrs. Ihsan Al Zain, delivered a speech welcoming the Queen Mother and paying tribute to her contributions to the Jordanian community, in particular her endeavours in charity activities.

Mrs. Zain also commended the diplomatic missions' charity work which, she said, would provide help to deprived children in the country.

The Queen Mother later toured various wings and inspected items on display. These included traditional handicrafts such as embroideries, ornaments, perfumes, silverware, pottery, national costumes and food.

Present with the Queen Mother were Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Faisal and other members of the Royal family, senior officials and heads of diplomatic missions as well as invited guests.

A total of 19 diplomatic missions as well as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) took part in the exhibition. UNICEF displayed children's books, pamphlets and toys.



Her Majesty Queen Zain, the Queen Mother, Monday opens a charity bazaar organised by diplomatic missions in Amman (Petra photo)

PLO to declare independent state based on Resolution 181

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders have agreed to recommend the declaration of a Palestinian state and the Palestinian parliament-in-exile will probably make the declaration before the end of the month, a spokesman said Monday.

Jamil Hilal, director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Information Department, told Reuters the leaders, at meetings in Tunis since last Friday, have also decided that formation of a provisional government should wait till later.

The state would be based on

Resolution 181 (1947) of the United Nations Security Council. Hilal said.

The leaders, who include the 15-member PLO Executive Committee and the heads of the various PLO organisations, have not decided when and where the Palestine National Council (PNC) will meet.

Algeria, the original choice, remains favourite but the final selection depends on the Algerian authorities, who are dealing with the aftermath of riots that swept Algeria last week, Hilal said.

Accord seen on Cuban withdrawal from Angola

WASHINGTON (R) — South African, Angolan, Cuban and U.S. negotiators have agreed that Cuban troops should be withdrawn from Angola in 24 to 30 months, U.S. officials said Monday.

Other major issues still must be resolved but the agreement on the withdrawal period, reached in New York over the weekend, is a significant advance towards a peace settlement in southern Africa, they said.

"On the total length of the withdrawal schedule, it is true that the gap has been substantially narrowed," one U.S. official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters.

"However, there are other elements of the withdrawal calendar where future decisions will be required," he said.

These issues are understood to include how fast the majority of Cuban troops would be withdrawn and how quickly they would be redeployed from Angola's southern border with Namibia.

The State Department had no official comment on the latest round of the four-party talks, which are being mediated by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker.

The United States has estimated there are about 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola backing President Jose Eduardo dos Santos's government against Jonas Savimbi's U.S.-and South African-backed rebel forces.

South Africa has agreed to implement from Nov. 1 a one-year United Nations plan calling for independence for Namibia, which borders Angola to the south, on condition that a plan for a Cuban pullout from Angola is agreed first.

The spokesman said the leadership was still working on the exact formulation of the independence declaration and on a parallel political statement setting out the PLO's approach to a Middle East peace settlement. "A lot of ground has been covered but it is not finalised... everything should be decided in two or three days," he said.

Hilal declined to say how far the statement was likely to go towards an explicit recognition of Israel.

On the idea of a provisional government-in-exile, he said the PNC would give its Central Council and the PLO Executive Committee a mandate to form it at the appropriate time.

Other PLO officials have linked the timing to progress towards holding a Middle East peace conference.

Another PLO official said three members of the Executive Committee — Mahmoud Abbas, Abdullah Hourani and Yasser Abed Rabbo — had gone to Moscow for consultations with the Soviet leadership on the PLO's political initiative.

The Tunisian news agency TAP said Hani Al Hassan, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, went to Cairo Monday for similar consultations with Egypt.

An Israeli spokesman Monday derided the PLO decision to declare an independent state but Palestinians living in the occupied territories hailed the move.

"They can declare whatever they like, it won't change anything in our attitude," said

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

KANAAN RECEIVES DIPLOMATS: Minister of Supply Abdul Salam Kanaan met separately Monday with the Czechoslovak and Australian charge d'affaires in Amman and discussed with them the prospect of exchanging Jordanian food supplies with their countries (Petra).

BAQAA SUPPORT FOR SUDANESE: A committee from the Baqaa district charged with taking measures to support the Sudanese people held a meeting Monday to discuss a campaign to spread awareness among the public on the need to help the Sudanese people in the light of the flood disaster in their country. A statement issued after the meeting said that a general fund-raising campaign will be launched Tuesday and the municipality will be in charge of forwarding the contributions to the National Jordanian Committee for Solidarity with Sudan (Petra).

BOOK EXHIBITIONS: A book exhibition opened Monday at the Karak community college, displaying 7,000 books on different topics. The week-long exhibition has been organised to benefit community college students and those of Mu'ta University and school students in the Karak Governorate (Petra).

MADABA EXHIBITION: A book exhibition organised by Al Khansaa Secondary School in Madaba and a number of local publishing houses was opened at Madaba Monday. On display for ten days is a collection of books on economic, political, social and cultural affairs. The proceeds of the book sales will help finance the setting up of a school library in Madaba (Petra).

TEACHER TRAINING: Matters related to teachers training in Zarqa Governorate were discussed Monday at a meeting grouping directors of education in Zarqa region. The Director of Education in Zarqa stressed the need for teachers to attend seminars and training courses which the Ministry of Education organises on a regular basis (Petra).

QATANANI MEETS ENVOY: Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director general of the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, Monday met the Japanese accredited ambassador in Jordan. They discussed Palestinian affairs in general, and the refugee situation and the current uprising in the occupied territories in particular (J.T.).

HAMMOURI IN CAIRO: Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri arrived in Cairo Sunday evening to attend the formal opening of the Egyptian Opera. Hammouri, who has been invited to the ceremony by his Egyptian counterpart Farouk Husni, is heading a team of Jordanian officials. Also arriving in Cairo Sunday evening was Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh to attend the ceremony at the invitation of Cairo Mayor Sabri Abu Taleb.

2 NEW HEALTH CENTRES: The Ministry of Health has established two health centres in Kufr Rakeb and Janin Al Safa and set up two mother and child care centres in Jadida and Kufr Al Ma in the Deir Abi Sa'id district. The ministry has awarded a tender to a local contractor to set up an annex to the health centre of Abi Sa'id at the cost of JD 75,000 to expand the centre's services by including emergency, and maternal services.

ENVOY MEETS SYRIAN LEADER: Syrian Vice President Mohammad Zuhair Masharqah Monday discussed with Jordanian Ambassador in Damascus Nayef Al Hadid bilateral relations (Petra).

SOCIAL SERVICES: Social Development Minister Dr. Fawwaz Touqan Monday discussed with Tunisian Social Affairs Minister Tawfiq Sheikh Doha aspects of bilateral cooperation in the field of social service. They also reviewed the Jordanian and Tunisian experiences in the field of traditional industries in addition to providing job opportunities to rural families.

KARAK CASTLE RESTORATION: The Department of Antiquities has embarked on restoration work on the western wall of the Karak Castle. A local department official said that JD 3,000 will be spent on fencing off Shaqira archaeological site within the Karak region, during the current month (Petra).

Kayed, Syrian minister discuss free zones

DAMASCUS (Petra) — Jordan Free Zone Corporation Director General Yasin Al Kayed Monday conferred in Damascus with Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammad Al Imadi. Kayed said the talks focused on reviewing bilateral cooperation in the field of free zones.

Kayed will tour the free zones in a number of Syrian cities so as to familiarise himself with the Syrian experience in the field of free zones and to discuss aspects of cooperation between the Jordanian and Syrian Free Zone Corporations.

CAA to hold rescue exercises at airport

AMMAN (Petra) — An exercise on rescue operations during an emergency will be carried out at Amman Airport near Marka on Sunday, according to an announcement by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which is organising the event.

It said that rescue teams, which will be involved in operations involving a mock airliner's crash, include fire engines, first aid crews and groups from other concerned services from the airport authorities and those located in other parts of Amman.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ Book exhibition, at Yarmouk University, Irbid.
- ★ Chinese art exhibition, at the University of Jordan.
- ★ Art exhibition by Salameh Kana'an, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Photo exhibition, at the Jordanian Social Services Institute in Amman.
- ★ Exhibition: Drawings and watercolours of German romanticism, at the Goethe Institute.
- ★ Soviet book exhibition, at Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Photo exhibition on childhood and situation of children in times of war at the Mu'ab Charitable Association in Zarqa.
- ★ Lithography Art Exhibition by Sonia Delaunay at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Book exhibition at the Karak Community College.
- ★ Book exhibition at the Khansaa Secondary School in Madaba.

LECTURES

- ★ Lecture by Nelly Lama on the life and times of Sonia Delaunay in English and French at the French Cultural Centre at 6:00 p.m.

VIDEO SHOWING

- ★ "The American Presidents — 80 Years on Camera" — Part two at the American Centre at 7:00 p.m.
- ★ Two video shows at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 5:30 p.m.

Jeddah talks to focus on Islamic News Agency

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan has taken part in a four-day meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to prepare for a general conference by Islamic information ministers which is due to open in the Saudi Arabian city Tuesday.

The Jordanian delegation to the preliminary meeting was led by Mr. Trad Al Fayed, Secretary General of the Ministry of Information who returned to Amman Monday.

The meeting has discussed an Islamic information strategy, a plan for information cooperation among Islamic nations, and ways to activate the Islamic News Agency, Fayed said in a statement.

He said that means of promot-

ing the work and functions of the Islamic Broadcasting Union and benefitting from satellites in propagating Islamic programmes were discussed by the preliminary meeting.

Several recommendations have been made and referred to the ministerial conference on Tuesday, Fayed noted.

He said these include a call on Islamic countries to prepare an informational programme to help support the Palestinian people's uprising.

Fayed was accompanied to the meeting by the directors of the Jordan News Agency, Petra and the censorship section at the Department of Press and Publication.



Royal Scientific Society President Jawad Al Anani and the head of a visiting delegation from the Polish Academy of Science sign a cooperation agreement in Amman Monday (Petra photo)

Jordan, Poland sign cooperation agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Poland Monday signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation, paving the way for an exchange of expertise in matters related to scientific research.

The memorandum also provides for joint organisation of seminars, conferences and workshops in science and technology, related to industry and agriculture as well as natural resources.

The memorandum was within the framework of a bilateral agreement signed in November 1977.

Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani and

the head of a visiting team from the Polish Academy of Science signed the agreement at the RSS in the presence of RSS and Polish officials.

Earlier, the Polish team visited Yarmouk University in Irbid and was briefed by its President, Mohammad Hamdan, on its programmes.

The team members were also taken on a tour of various faculties where they met deans and students, and watched a documentary film on the university's development.

Irbid Municipality marks Arab Child Week

IRBID (Petra) — Irbid Municipality held ceremonies Monday to celebrate the Arab Child Week. The events included exhibitions of children's books and drawings.

A group of children presented a performance of Tae Kwon Do and national songs and dances at the Irbid National Park.

Another exhibition of chil-

dren's books was opened at the Children's Club where also a scout camp was held for children's activities.

Irbid Mayor Abdul Razzak Tubeisbat and Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan were among an audience of notables attending the activities.

146 families added on list of National Aid Fund

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Aid Fund last month added 146 families to a list of needy people receiving regular monthly assistance, and paid them a total of JD 2,879, according to NAF Director General Khalil Al Fa'ouri.

Fa'ouri said that each of the needy families receive up to JD 40, depending on their condition. A total of 1,388 such families were added to the list of needy people, qualifying them for

monthly assistance since the beginning of 1988, according to Fa'ouri.

He said that the NAF, which currently helps some 8,000 needy families in Jordan, last month offered emergency lump sum assistance to six needy families at the rate of JD 100 each, and had spent JD 10,930 on vocational training for heads of needy families in the past nine months.

Jordan to host seminar on Islamic art in October

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Society for Fine Arts will organise an international seminar on Islamic art on Oct. 18 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The seminar, which will be held at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman, will discuss working papers and subjects related to

Islamic art and its application to the teaching of arts, as well as the teaching of Islamic arts at two British universities — London and Oxford.

The three-day event will be attended by 50 scholars and historians as well as specialists in Islamic art from Arab, Islamic and foreign countries.

Islamic hospital reduces operation, delivery charges

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Islamic hospital has reduced its operation and delivery charges by no less than 40 per cent according to Al Dastour Arabic daily.

Current fees are as follows: JD 110 for first class, JD 80 for second class, and JD 50 for Third Class. Previous fees were JD 160, JD 110, JD 75 respectively.

The gynaecologists and Obstetricians Society had presented a complaint to the doctors' association asking for a reinstatement of the old fees.

A hospital source said: "The new fees reflect the real costs for birth and deliveries so why should we burden the people with high expenses which they cannot take."

He expressed hope that concerned doctors would reduce burdens on the citizens instead of protesting the decision which is considered in their favour.

FOREST TREES: The Agricultural Department in Tafleh district has prepared 750 dunums of land to be planted with 53,000 forest trees in the current agricultural season.



Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud chairs a meeting of the council in charge of the National Centre for Research and the Transfer of Technology in Amman Monday (Petra photo)

Ministry to promote research in agricultural development

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Ministry of Agriculture Monday announced new measures designed to promote scientific research to help give impetus to agricultural development in the Kingdom, and formed three committees to help carry out these measures.

A council in charge of the National Centre for Research and the Transfer of Technology, (NCRTT), which is affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture, announced the formation of a technical, research evaluation and extension committees which will be charged with drawing up research programmes, assessing research results in order to determine the feasibility of their application, and to recommend priorities to the council for prompt action in agricultural matters.

The council's meeting was held under the chairmanship of Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud who said the council was set up in order to unify the efforts of all authorities concerned with the agricultural sector.

"Many agricultural problems in the past years emanated from the presence of different bodies conducting agricultural research programmes, and the govern-

ment has felt the need for unifying the research effort and drawing up a sound agricultural strategy for researchers under a unified body," the minister noted in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

He said the council was maintaining its coordination and cooperation with the Higher Council of Science and Technology (HCST), which is the official department that undertakes the task of directing and controlling the Kingdom's science and technology policies.

Hmoud said the council of ministers had decided on the formation of the NCRTT's council which groups representatives of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, secretaries general of the Ministries of Agriculture and Planning and the deans of the faculties of agriculture at the University of Jordan and the Jordan University of Science and Technology.

The council, he noted, has been entrusted with the task of proposing certain agricultural research programmes and drawing up short, medium and long-term programmes. "It will also be in charge of making available sufficient funds for research programmes and to create incentives for researchers in agriculture."

Data bank

Coinciding with the Ministry of Agriculture's announcement a statement was issued in Amman Monday summing up recommendations and resolutions taken

by five-day seminar on planning and executing programmes in agricultural research.

The statement recommended that a data bank be set up and an institutional groundwork be laid down to control national research work.

It also recommended that a plan should be worked out to develop the skill of Jordanian researchers as soon as possible, and that a workshop be organised to study a working paper which aims to corroborate ties of cooperation among farmers benefitting from the research work.

Hmoud, who had opened the seminar, said in a speech that Jordan's current 1986-1990 five-year development plan strives to increase the country's annual income from agriculture from JD 97 million to JD 138 million, taking the Kingdom further towards self sufficiency in food production.

Jordan, Egypt to boost bilateral cooperation in information field

CAIRO (Petra) — Jordan and Egypt Monday concluded talks here designed to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of information.

The talks, conducted by Minister of Information Hani Khasawneh and his Egyptian counterpart Safwat Al Sharif, resulted in agreement on bilateral cooperation in exchanging television news and television programmes and in marketing television production.

The two sides agreed that Egypt will start presenting Jordan's television production during this year, and that the two sides should start joint television production.

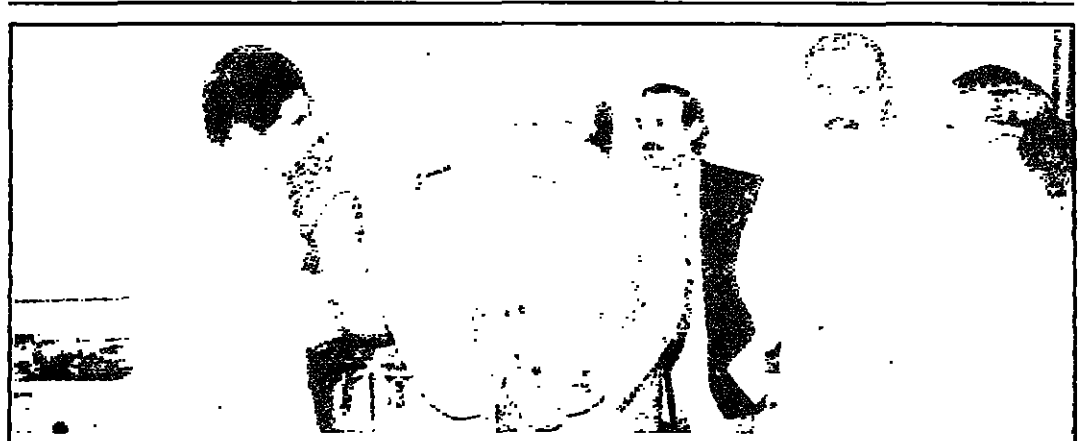
They recommended a feasibility study on setting up an Iraqi production corporation to be preceded first by contacts with the

Iraqi government. In matters related to radio broadcasting, the two sides agreed to exchange radio programmes during the holy month of Ramadan to be broadcast simultaneously by Sawt Al Arab station of Cairo and Radio Jordan Arabic Service. These, they said, should be comedy and historical programmes.

The two sides also pledged that Jordan and Cairo radio stations will exchange weekly messages, featuring reports on both countries' activities in tourism, social affairs and cultural affairs.

According to a statement issued at the end of the meetings, the two sides will exchange training of personnel from either country in radio broadcasting, and will provide each other with information and expertise related to radio work and radio transmission.

On Tuesday Khasawneh to head the Jordanian delegation to the Islamic information ministers' meeting in Jeddah. He will be accompanied by a number of senior officials from Jordanian information departments.



Hamzeh inspects Madaba health services

Health Minister Dr. Zaid Hamzeh Monday inspected Madaba Health Department, Jamil Al Tutunji Hospital, Madaba Health Centre, and the first eastern quarter health centre in Madaba. Hamzeh was briefed on the department's achievements, projects, and means to improve the services presented to the citizens. The picture shows Hamzeh being briefed on the services of one of the department's sections (Petra photo)

Dutch probe extent of Islamic occupation at Tell Abu Sarbut

AMMAN (J.T.) — In early 1988 a Dutch excavation team worked during 5 weeks on Tell Abu Sarbut, located approximately 3 kilometres northwest of Deir 'Alla in the central Jordan Valley.

Aim of this preliminary season was to investigate the extent of Islamic occupation on the site and to determine the feasibility of further excavations in 1989 and 1990. The reason to start this investigation is the following:

From historical sources we know that the Jordan Valley was, at times, an important economic area during the Islamic periods. In the Umayyad period occupation and agriculture continued from the Byzantine period and new agricultural installations were built.

The Abbasid and Fatimid periods are less well known, and the country seems to have been

populated only sparsely. About the Ayyubid and Mamluke periods more is known, and the valley seems, again, to have been a prosperous agricultural area.

About daily life and the material culture in the villages during these periods, however, not much is known. Excavations at Pella and the Amman Citadel have yielded information about the continuity of life in the cities and about pottery dated to the earlier Islamic periods, but not much is known about life in the villages and the extent of the continuity of occupation there during Abbasid and Fatimid periods. Also the development of the Jordan Valley during the Ayyubid and Mamluke periods, when sugarcane was produced there on an industrial scale, remains unknown.

The aim of the excavations at Tell Abu Sarbut is to investigate the material culture in a village during the Islamic period, to trace the development of it and to see whether any conclusions can be drawn about its relationship with the area around and cities nearby.

During the first season, foundations of walls, floors, pits and courtyard layers were found. Large amounts of sherds, mainly from the Umayyad and Ayyubid-Mamluke periods, indicate a long occupation. Under the Islamic deposits, remains from an earlier Byzantine period were attested.

Because the 1988 season was a preliminary first season, it is too early to draw any conclusions. We expect, however, based on this season, that Tell Abu Sarbut will yield much material remains from the Islamic period and will provide us with new insights into that period in the Jordan Valley.

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Reservoirs of confidence

THE meeting of representatives of 15 Arab countries and international financial organisations which opened here Monday to discuss financing the projected Al Wahdah Dam on the Jordanian-Syrian border is a cause for celebration by all Arabs. Al Wahdah, the name of dam to be constructed at Maqaret, connotes unity and cooperation between Arab states, and the realisation of this Arab dream represents the kind of tangible infrastructure for Arab cooperation and coordination that all Arabs, especially Jordanians and Syrians, have sought for many decades.

We deem such confidence-building measures as the Al Wahdah Dam as among the principal operational steps on the road to Arab unity. The Arab nation has been seeking unity and cooperation for many generations now but all passed efforts were essentially politically oriented. After many decades of efforts to unify the Arab world, we know that the realisation of Arab goals must take the path of building piece by piece the infrastructure of these lofty aspirations.

We view the construction of Al Wahdah Dam as the kind of measure that will enhance the prospects for an eventual overall Arab unity. The estimated 120 million dollars cost of the dam will go a long way to bring Arab cooperation and coordination closer to the level that has remained elusive for much too long. The modest millions of dollars that will be spent on the project is the kind of investment in the Arab cause that should have begun a long time ago. Likewise the anticipated six and a half square kilometres reservoir of the dam will prove to be the sort of good will reservoir that will irrigate not only thousands of farm lands on both sides of the Syrian-Jordanian border but also quench the Arab thirst for concrete steps towards joint Arab action.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Jordanian Arabic dailies Monday tackled the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab territories, Jordanian-Egyptian relations and the Gulf issue. For its part, Al Ra'i daily said that Israel's acts of intimidation and terrorism have not affected the Palestinian people's revolt which is now in its 11th month. The past 10 months, it said, have witnessed heavy sacrifices by the Palestinians as the Israelis continue to kill or detain thousands of youth and continue to escalate repression. The past months have proved to the world that the Palestinians will not capitulate and can by no means stop the struggle until their rights have been re-established. The paper noted. The paper expressed the view that the Palestinians should further step up their revolt and the Arab nation should extend to them all possible help in the face of Shamir's continued threats to subdue the will of the oppressed people and to continue the repression. It said: "Occupation cannot last for ever; and the lost land and rights will eventually return to their lawful owners."

Al Dustour daily referred to His Majesty King Hussein's message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as part of the on-going consultations between the leaderships of the two countries with regard to national causes and the current situation in the Middle East. King Hussein is keen on maintaining and intensifying his consultations and coordination with Egypt which plays a major role in Arab affairs and which had been offering heavy sacrifice in the course of defending the Arab homeland, the paper noted. King Hussein has displayed Jordan's appreciation of Egypt's role by maintaining strong relations with the Egyptian people through bilateral agreements and joint ventures in all fields, the paper added.

Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily commented on the clear contradiction in the statements of Iranian leaders with regard to war and peace with Iraq. Iran's foreign minister has announced that agreement with Iraq has been reached on ending the current deadlock at the Geneva talks, at a time when reports quoted Iran's Parliament Speaker Rafsanjani as declaring that his country was mobilising its forces and acquiring chemical weapons. It is clear, said the paper, that Iran is bidding for time and preparing for war rather than peace since it remains adamant at the Geneva meetings and refuses any Iraqi proposal for a lasting peace. The paper said that the Iranian leaders had to accept a ceasefire last August in view of their repeated defeats in the battlefield and under pressure from the domestic front. It added: "The Iranians seem to be still obsessed with dreams of imperial power and guided by the desire to invade Arab territory."

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

Election bravado

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily believes that Israel's relations with the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular will remain an essential element in the on-going Israeli campaign preceding the parliamentary elections. This has been imposed on the Israelis in view of the Palestinian uprising and since the two major parties are determined to continue to outbid one another not only in words but also in dealing with the Palestinians in a manner that would secure for them more votes in next month's elections, the writer Ibrahim Sakikha says. Sakikha says that in the time between now and the elections one should not be surprised if the Israelis resort to further repressive measures like driving the Palestinians out of their homeland en masse. One should not be surprised also to see the Israelis creating tension along their borders with the Arab countries and launching new invasions into Arab lands, he adds. Sakikha is of the view that since the Americans are also involved in their own election campaigns, no blame will be directed from Washington against the Israelis if their generals step up campaigns against the Palestinians under their rule or against the neighbouring Arab states.

The scope of collaboration

By Dr. Souad Dajani

In the second of three articles, Dr. Souad Dajani of the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University, outlines the terms of the Israeli-South African relationship.

THE RELATIONSHIP between these two countries was launched officially in 1976, following the visit of South African Prime Minister Vorster to Israel. During this visit the two countries reached an agreement to collaborate in three main military areas: conventional arms trade, nuclear technology and counterinsurgency. We should keep in mind that these areas (especially the military) are, in June Hunter's words, "shrouded in secrecy" and subject to "tight [Israeli] government censorship and careful phraseology. Published figures, which omit diamonds, uranium and arms sales, reveal a very minor trade relationship. Hunter points out that actual economic transactions are thought to be five times the published figures and that Israel may well be South Africa's most important economic partner, even when omitting arms sales.

By 1976, it became imperative for South Africa to have access to arms, since first Britain (1974) and then France (1975) had joined in upholding the arms embargo. It is not surprising that much of the 1976 Vorster visit to Israel revolved around major deals regarding military cooperation between the two regimes. These included agreements on the development, production and sale of weapons, personnel training, intelligence and counterinsurgency cooperation, and, of special importance to Israel, nuclear collaboration. At this time, South Africa also committed itself to help in financing several Israeli defence projects and provide much-needed steel to manufacture armour for various Israeli weapons systems.

Like Israel, one of South Africa's major aims in acquiring weapons and technology was to enable it to become gradually

self-sufficient and less dependent on outsiders for arms. For example, South Africa obtained from Israel a licence to produce the Dabur patrol boat (which it had formerly imported from Israel) as well as the Gabriel missiles (called Scorpion missiles in South Africa). A further indication of the U.S.-Israeli-South African triangle is exposed when examining the development stage of the Kfir. As early as 1967, Israel and South Africa discussed "the possibility of joint fighter production" and that the basis was laid for close collaboration between the aircraft industries of Israel and South Africa "that will soon result in the world's most advanced fighter rolling off the production lines in Israel. A more recent example of Israeli-South African collaboration in the area of aircraft is in the conversation and equipping of the South African Boeing 707 into a sophisticated surveillance aircraft (reportedly to be used against South Africa's Black neighbours).

Another means of South African-Israeli cooperation to enable South Africa to acquire arms in spite of the embargo is the establishment of joint ventures between the two regimes. These may take the form of combining South African capital with Israeli technological know-how and joint R & D ventures, or South Africa's provision of raw materials, steel or manpower in return for Israeli technology and manufacturing capabilities. Such was the case, for example, with the production of the Merkava I tank — South Africa provided the metal for the armour. Israel's technological blueprint and their joint company, Iskor, completed its production. Other examples include naval vessels, subs, artillery, small arms and a

planned helicopter.

South African-Israeli military collaboration is especially vital to what both perceive as their "security" needs and to promote swift and effective counterinsurgency and intelligence-gathering operations. Israel has provided South Africa with many of the devices proven effective in its own counterinsurgency and intelligence efforts against the PLO and other "enemies" along its borders.

In addition to training South African military and intelligence forces, Israel helped South Africa set up a border police force equipped with Israeli night sights, microwave protection, detection systems, electronic fences and other necessary devices. Moreover, Israel contributes to the sup-

port of South Africa's racist apartheid system and "Bantustan" policy by collaborating in areas of internal security and counterinsurgency in the "Bantustans" themselves.

Zionism and White Supremacy — the strategic links

Mossad itself to monitor developments in the nuclear field around the world and acquire all the latest techniques for Israel. In a more recent incident, Israel illegally obtained 800 krytrons (devices or triggers for detonating nuclear weapons) from the United States. It appears that the same dealer who acquired these krytrons for Israel was an Israeli who had previously been involved in arms transfers between South Africa and Israel.

The second consideration for both Israel and South Africa is not simply to possess the capability of manufacturing nuclear weapons but to make sure that these weapons work. It is widely believed that the explosion that took place off South Africa in 1979 was precisely such a test. For a variety of reasons this

appears to have been covered up by the Carter administration. It is also believed that Israel's most recent nuclear missile, the Jericho II, which can reach as far as the Soviet Union and distant Arab capitals, was also tested in South Africa.

Economic Relations between Israel and South Africa

In addition to expanding military and nuclear ties, the 1976 Vorster visit to Israel resulted also in increased economic cooperation between the two countries.

With the threat of new restrictive economic sanctions to add to the existing arms embargo against South Africa, this state sought desperately for an easy outlet for its goods and the means to acquire the necessary arms and technology.

There are reports that during the "secret" Israeli trade delegation's visit to South Africa in August 1986, and agreement was concluded to provide South Africa with the "economic lifelines" to enable it to bypass international sanctions through "fronts" such as Israel and Taiwan.

Although figures for arms and diamonds are not published in trade statistics, South Africa reaps vast profits from its diamond trade with Israel, while Israel benefits arms sales to South Africa.

Joint ventures

Joint ventures between Israel and South Africa are rather extensive and include a wide range of both military and economic concerns, affording South Africa the opportunity to take advantage of Israel's free trade agreements with the European Economic Community (1975) and the United States (1985) and to use it as a "springboard" to channel South African products on to the EEC and the United States.

Israel is indispensable to South Africa, helping it to circumvent the boycott on its products in the world market. Both countries reap the benefits of "disguising" South African goods with a "made in Israel" label and re-exporting them through Israel. If we keep in mind that huge South African investments in Israel make it difficult for any Israeli product not to have partial South African content, or to have used joint South African-Israeli facilities, then it is reasonable to conclude that an increasing number of Israeli products entering the United States and EEC markets are partly South African.

Furthermore, the implementation of the Free Trade Area with Israel in 1985 and beyond opens the door for even more originally South African products to pass into the U.S. market. A number of new joint ventures were established between Israel and South Africa, and in the first four months alone of that year, South African exports to Israel increased by 70 per cent. South Africa has made no secret of its use of Israel to get products through to Europe. An official South African statement of 1985 discusses the role of Israeli businessmen as middlemen in channelling South African exports to Europe and the United States. Hunter also notes the involvement, since 1980, of Israel's "official agricultural marketing agency," Agrexco, in marketing South African produce in the United States.

Two aspects of Israeli-South African relations remain to be described. These concern the extent of the American connection in the Israeli-South African alliance and more specifically, the opportunities provided both states by Israel's privileged trade status with the United States and Europe.

American-Arab Affairs

Le Monde's irreverent caricaturist courted by his victims

By Michela Wrong
Reuter

PARIS — Most French ministers would give their eye teeth to be able to take Le Monde caricaturist Jean Plantu to lunch. The baby-faced cartoonist, who lampoons the powerful in his daily sketches in the respected French daily newspaper, tells of ardent courtship by politicians hoping to win his friendship and blunt the sharpness of his pen. "There's one who keeps ringing up and asking me for lunch. I know that my drawings upset him and he's trying to win me over," Plantu, whose real name is Jean Paindureux, told Reuters in an interview.

But the 37-year-old artist, whose child-like simple sketches are the only illustrations accepted on the paper, prefers not to meet his victims for fear of losing his critical edge.

"Take Chirac for example," says Plantu, referring to former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who has made it known that he detests the sketches in which he is regularly portrayed foaming hysterically at the mouth.

"He's probably a nice guy. Maybe if I met him I'd take to him and I'd end up falling into his arms... I'm scared of flirting with politicians and losing my bite."

Growing to love your characters is potential hazard for the professional satirist.

"I fell into my own trap with (Raymond) Barre," said Plantu, referring to the centrist leader, also a former prime minister. "In fact I really couldn't stand the guy but when I started drawing him I found he had some cuddly fea-

tures — he became quite sweet and I got fond of him... now a lot of people accuse me of being a Barrist."

"I told you so"

He depicts Barre as a smug medieval doctor in long black coat and hat, keen to submit France to some foul medical purgative, while telling his critics: "I told you so."

Some likenesses are particularly difficult to capture. Plantu cites Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard as a very tricky subject, despite his striking hawk-like profile.

"Whenever cartoonists get together over a lunch or a coffee there's always a moment when everyone falls silent and someone says: 'Yes, but what about Rocard?' and everyone groans."

Plantu says his work is motivated by the same feeling of outrage and frustration that occasionally overwhelms anyone who reads the newspapers or listens to the radio news.

"There are two things I hate and I try to fight against in my cartoons — violence and hypocrisy."

Although he admits to being on the left of the political spectrum, Plantu spares neither left nor right in his sketches, aiming his barbs equally at the French government's crack-down on Kanak rebels in the South Pacific territory of New Caledonia or the latest separatist bombing in Corsica.

One particularly biting sketch, drawn after a car bomb set by Basque separatists in Saragossa claimed 11 lives last year, shows two guerrillas walking away from

the bloody wreckage.

"What really upsets me is this feeling of not being understood," says one hooded gunman to the other.

Another, reprinted in his most recent book, shows a Palestinian boy bouncing a feeble pebble off the helmets of two soldiers on board an Israeli tank. "I told you they were all terrorists," comments one soldier.

Death threats

Plantu has got used to receiving death threats from guerrilla groups fighting for Corsican or Basque autonomy.

He has been known as "Plantu" ever since he was a gifted schoolboy whose greatest ambition in life was to grow up to be like humorous French cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempe.

But his parents wouldn't hear of it, so he agreed to study medicine.

He says he owes his career to Chantal Meyer, then his girlfriend and now his wife, who joined the same medical course with one aim — to interrupt his studies and force him to follow his artistic inclinations.

After two years he had done so badly he was thrown off the course. He promptly married Chantal, quarrelled with his parents and moved to Brussels to start working in the comic strip industry.

Having no qualifications is no disadvantage for the political cartoonist, says Plantu — in fact it's a prerequisite.

"It's such a hard career to get into, you have to knock on so many doors, that if you had any other kind of qualifications at all you'd do something else. Ninety per cent of cartoonists have no diplomas of any kind."

Many of his readers would say that after 16 years at Le Monde the left-wing rebel is starting to occupy shaky ground — his prime front page spot and ardent following have made him an integral part of the establishment he sets out to attack.

But Plantu claims that if he disappeared tomorrow no-one would notice the difference. "One month maybe and then someone else would come along and I'd be forgotten."



"An elector getting ready to decide a burning issue — New Caledonia." Awry look at contemporary issues.

By Michael Gelb
Reuter

Dukakis grips Quayle factor in an attempt to halt slide

WASHINGTON — After weeks of searching for an issue to arouse U.S. voters in the Nov. 8 presidential election, Michael Dukakis has seized on the shortcomings of Republican vice-presidential nominee Dan Quayle.

The Democratic presidential candidate hopes last week's debate between Quayle and Democrat vice-presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen has opened the way for a new assault on the wisdom of his Republican opponent, George Bush.

"This was the first presidential decision that George Bush and I had to make," Dukakis said as he warmed to his new theme a day after the debate. "Judge us by the way we made it and who we chose. Ask yourself which one of us fulfilled his presidential obligation in making that decision."

The Dukakis campaign rushed out two television advertisements asking voters to consider whether they would be comfortable with Quayle, a 41-year-old senator from Indiana, sitting in the Oval Office.

"One in five American vice presidents has had to rise to the duties of commander-in-chief," a narrator says in one as the camera pans over photographs of Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford being sworn in as president.

"For that job, after five months of reflection, George Bush made his personal choice: J. Danforth Quayle."

"Hopefully, we will never know how great a lapse of judgment that really was."

"Quayle-bashing may prove critical to Dukakis's chances in the election. He has lost a large lead in opinion polls and now trails Bush narrowly — in part because he has lacked a consistent and compelling campaign message."

"He has shown no discipline on

the issues, it's a different issue every day," Republican strategist Peter Teeley said of Dukakis. "Bush gives a little new stuff every day for the press to write about, but his message is the same — Dukakis is too far to the left."

Quayle has been dogged by charges he is an intellectual and political lightweight who used family influence in 1969 to win a spot in the home-based National Guard to avoid combat duty in Vietnam.

Polls have consistently shown that large numbers of voters doubt his qualifications to assume the presidency if a President Bush were to die or become incapacitated.

Quayle avoided major blunders in his clash with Bentsen and polls say he eased the anxieties of some voters. But they also say Bentsen was overwhelmingly rated the winner and about half the voters still doubt Quayle's abilities.

Dukakis has also been trying to raise doubts about Bush's judgment in backing the Iran arms deal and by linking the Republican vice president to Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, who is under U.S. indictment on drug charges.

But the judgment issue, as well as denunciations of President Reagan for "squeezing" the middle class and conducting an "illegal" war in Central America, has added,

failed to catch hold and Dukakis has changed themes almost daily. The Democrat has generally been outmanoeuvred by Bush, constantly defending against charges that he is an ultra-liberal who coddles criminals and would weaken American security.

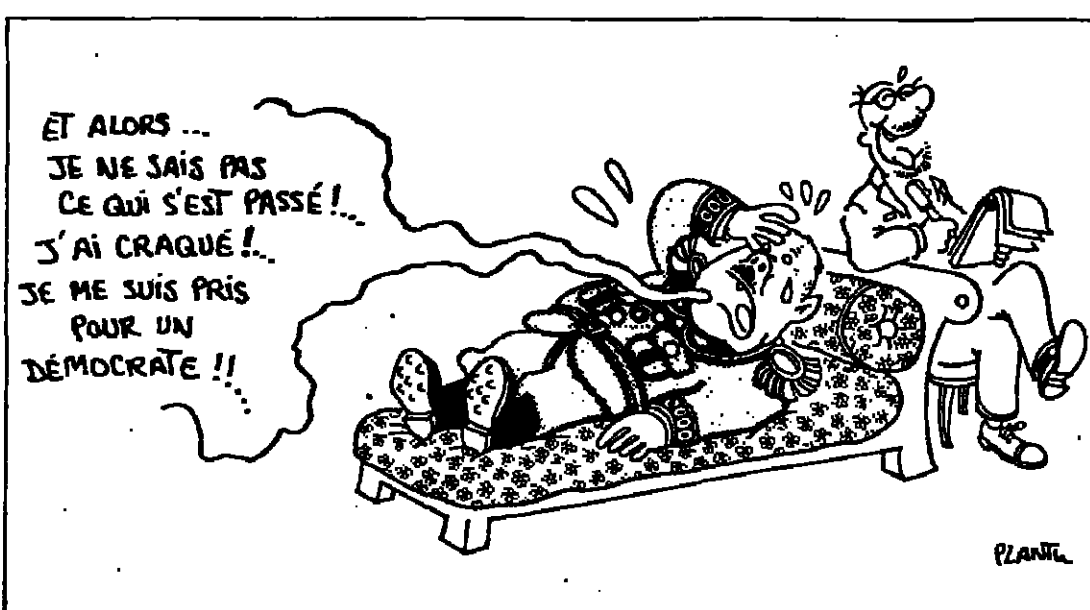
For the moment, the tables have turned as Dukakis and Bentsen hammer at Bush over his running mate, while Republican campaign aides pray fervently for the public to lose interest.

"Ten days from now no one will remember vice presidential debate," one Bush aide said. "There's an important debate next week (the second and final televised debate between Bush and Dukakis) and that will overshadow this one."

Republicans argue the Democrats are making an error because voters traditionally base their decisions on the presidential candidates, not their running mates.

New Hampshire Governor John Sununu, a key Bush operative, scoffed at Democratic references to a probability that the man elected to the vice-presidency will someday become president.

"You know the snooker game is still going up," he said. Against the unknown chance of Quayle or Bentsen having to take over, "it's a 100 per cent chance that either George Bush or Michael Dukakis is going to be president," he added.



"Well, I don't know what happened... I cracked up... I got myself taken for a democrat!" Pinchoet reflects on his electoral defeat.

Shamir campaigns on vow of violence

DIMONA (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir drew cheers from a crowd in this working class town by vowing to use more force to quell the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories if he is reelected.

He said Sunday he would never agree to an independent Palestinian state. Shamir said he would seek other ways of reaching peace with the Arabs.

He told the AP he would propose peace talks with Arabs on the basis of an "autonomy" plan outlined in a 1979 treaty with Egypt.

The idea has been rejected by Palestinians, but Shamir said he would pursue it because "whoever wants to propose something the Arabs will accept, has to say goodbye to the state of Israel."

"I will initiate and attempt to persuade," Arab states to negotiate by this plan, Shamir said. "If they say no outright, I won't be deterred."

Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Bloc, spoke after being flown by army helicopter to the Naqib desert, where he campaigned for five hours in three towns, including Dimona.

Dimona is a Likud stronghold whose residents are mostly of Sephardi origin. Sephardi Israelis make up a large percentage of the country's disadvantaged and have long enjoyed more political influence in Likud than in Labour.

At an election rally later in the day before 3,000 supporters, Shamir issued a call for tough treatment of Palestinian protesters.

Waving a fist in the air, Shamir unleashed attacks on Labour party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, his main rival in the Nov. 1 parliamentary elections.

Shamir warned that Peres' "conciliatory" approach to the Arabs "is liable to bring us the greatest tragedy."

"If Likud wins, the Arabs will understand, there is no more hope for an international conference or a Palestinian state," Shamir said. "They'll see they have to hold dialogue with the Likud and that we are ready for negotiations, without preconditions."

"Conceding (territory) would mean returning to our choking borders of 1967," Shamir said. "Whoever withdraws from (the West Bank and Gaza), opens the door to a Palestinian state headed by Yasser Arafat."

A Palestinian state, he said, "would be a trap. Every country would come to its aid — America, the Soviet Union, Europe — there would be war forever."

Shamir also promised to crush the uprising.

He warned supporters against disrupting Labour Party rallies, after two Likud fans nearly broke up three Labour rallies this week, heckling Peres and calling him a traitor. In one town, Likud backers sprayed water from hoses at Labour rallies Saturday.

Another rally was disrupted Sunday when Peres toured the lower class Tel Aviv neighbourhood of Kfar Shalem, Israel television reported. Labour reportedly planned to protest the violence to the central elections committee Monday.

The election campaign has grown tense largely over charged emotions generated by the uprising in the disputed territories and because public opinion polls show both large parties at a virtual deadlock.



One of the victims of the latest Israeli policy of inflicting injuries on as many Palestinians as possible through the use of plastic bullets.

Hoss rejects call for federal system

BEIRUT (AP)—Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss warned Monday that partitioning Lebanon into sectarian mini-states would trigger endless wars among feuding factions.

"I challenge the advocates of federalisation or partition to draw up the borders of their cantons. This cannot be done," Hoss told the Associated Press.

He was responding to an earlier statement by Samir Geagea, leader of the main rightist militia, that federalisation was the only practical way to end the deadlock over presidential elections and Lebanon's 13-year civil war.

"Political decentralisation or federalisation will not, as some imagine, bring an end to the state of war, but will kindle an endless war on the borders of the cantons," Hoss said.

"It will also lead to endless wars in the streets, alleys, hills, villages and towns," Hoss warned.

Lebanon has been without a president since Sept. 23, when President Amin Gemayel's six-year term ended.

Parliament failed to convene before Gemayel's exit to vote in a successor. Rightists boycotted

three sessions called to elect a new head of state, blocking the election of Syrian-backed candidates.

Two governments emerged with both struggling to claim legitimacy.

Minutes before his term ended, Gemayel handed power to Army commander Michel Aoun, naming him the caretaker prime minister of a six-man military cabinet.

But all three Muslim officers appointed by the decree refused to take up their posts and the Muslim community declared allegiance to Hoss' incumbent government.

SLA claim

In South Lebanon, a militia radio station said two guerrillas were killed and an Israeli-backed militiaman wounded Monday when gunmen ambushed a militia patrol defusing an explosive device.

The South Lebanon (SLA) patrol fought the guerrillas for about half an hour machineguns and rocketed the ambush near the Lebanese town of Jezzine. SLA-run Voice of the radio station reported.

Jezzine is located in Israel's self-declared "zone" in South Lebanon held by the SLA which patrols the border strip with Israel's army.

During a separate Monday, the Islamic Resistance (SLA) base near Jezzine, security sources said there were no reports of casualties.

In the Bekaa Valley, a man was killed Sunday in between Iranian-backed and Amal militia fighters, sources said Monday.

They said Hizbollah and Amal militiamen near the villages of Sohm Yohmor in the western

The fighting tapered off at night, the sources added. Hizbollah and Amal series of battles earlier in southern Lebanon and southern suburbs in which hundreds of people were killed.

Kabul jittery as deadline nears for Soviet pullout

By Michael Battye
Reuters

KABUL—Rocket attacks and supply shortages are making residents of Kabul jittery, but most diplomats expect Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan ahead of schedule.

Four months before the promised departure of the last of the Soviet troops who have supported the government for nine years, few residents of the Afghan capital appear confident of the prospects for peace.

While bustling bazaars, noisy traffic and daily weddings make the city seem normal during the day, after curfew at night Kabul is a ghost town, with only military vehicles on the streets.

"We are afraid all the time. We are afraid of the men in uniform. We are afraid of the rockets," said one man who would not give his name.

Some commodities like sugar have disappeared from the market over the last few days and other basics such as flour have shot up in price. The Mujahedeen rebels fighting the

government have cut the road to Pakistan and Western diplomats said people were hoarding goods in case this happens again in the winter.

Nearly all diplomats are convinced that the Soviet troops will pull out before the Feb. 15 deadline set in the April Geneva accords signed by Kabul and Islamabad.

They said all the troops might even return home before January and February snows make it hard to move heavy military equipment through high mountain passes.

If no peace has been agreed by spring, the rebels could cut roads to the capital, limit air supplies by the use of missiles, and step up rocket attacks. Five people died in such attacks in Kabul and a village of southern Kandahar province at the weekend, according to Kabul Radio.

One diplomat said the Soviet Union was waging an intensive effort to secure peace in the hope that the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) could be preserved, preferably in a coalition government.

Moscow has accused the G of breaching the G accords by increasing the rebels and has threatened to review its troop pullout if this did not cease.

Moscow appeared to be hoping that a new Pakistan agreement due to be elected 16 after the death of Pres. Muhammad Zia Ul Haq air crash in August would pressure on the Mujahedeen negotiators with the Soviet Union.

Diplomats said a Soviet drawal ahead of the Feb. 15 deadline would remove Mujahedeen's main enemy Pakistanis' fears. With little fighting in provinces bordering Pakistan since Soviet troops entered, there would be pressure from refugee camps in Pakistan to go home and restart their lives. They might decide to go with the large enough number to weaken the Mujahedeen said.

The diplomats said it was easy to underestimate forces loyal to the PDPA who feared a Mujahedeen victory.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince Nayef urges Islamic fight against drugs

RIYADH (R)—Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz urged Islamic countries' information ministers Monday to fight drugs in their countries. In a statement ahead of a meeting in Jeddah of the ministers from the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Prince Nayef said: "I would like to take this opportunity to urge information ministers of the Islamic countries to do whatever possible to fight this disease (drugs)."

Egypt: Libya to blame for continued hostility

KHARTOUM (AP)—Visiting Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki Sunday poured cold water on Sudanese efforts to reconcile Egypt with Libya. Speaking at a news conference at the end of a two-day visit here, Sedki blamed Libya for a continued rift with his country that began in 1972 when late President Anwar Sadat rejected a bid by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to merge the two countries into one. "Egypt has more than once accepted these mediations but they failed because of reasons for which Egypt was not responsible."

Locust swarms intensify in Sahel states

ROME (R)—A new generation of desert locusts are swarming across the Sahel countries of the Maghreb despite intensified control measures. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Monday. Director General Edouard Saouma said in a statement continuing rainfall had created highly favourable breeding conditions but up to now serious damage to crops had largely been prevented. Small swarms have been reported in Algeria but most of the movement has been southwards, threatening Nigeria, Burkina Faso,

"We can not deny its existence and expansion among people of the Islamic World." The two-day meeting of Islamic information ministers — the first of its kind — is to coordinate information policies among the 46 members of the OIC. Prince Nayef said in June that drug smuggling cases had fallen by 40 per cent in the kingdom after it introduced capital punishment for drug offences in March last year.

Sedki said with Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi on his side. "Egypt has not always been ready to accept the view points of Libya," Sedki added without elaboration. Sudan and some other Arab and African countries have previously attempted unsuccessfully to mend fences between the two neighbours. Reconciling Egypt with Libya and Syria was one of the topics on Sedki's agenda of talks with Mahdi and other Sudanese officials but Sedki made no reference to Syria in his comments.

South central Chad and Mali. Locusts have already reached Gambia and Cape Verde and in Senegal they caused severe damage to rice crops. Widespread breeding has occurred in northern Ethiopia and swarms have reached Djibouti and northern Somalia where a state of emergency was declared last week. FAO said. Swarms forming in Sudan and Ethiopia are likely to move either to winter breeding areas on the Red Sea coast or to the Horn of Africa, it added.

'Shamir ordered killing of 12 Stern members'

TEL AVIV (AP)—A published report said Sunday Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ordered the execution of more than a dozen of his brothers-in-arms in an underground Jewish terrorist group during the British mandate of Palestine.

The militant underground group, known as the Stern Gang and by its Hebrew acronym Lehi, carried out terrorist acts to undermine British rule in Palestine.

Shamir was a member of Lehi's three-man leadership after British police shot and killed Avraham Stern, the group's founder, in 1942.

The group is known to have carried out a number of assassinations, with the victims including some of its own members.

In 1948, Lehi guerrillas shot dead Swedish U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte.

"Shamir gave an order to kill more than a dozen of Lehi members whom Lehi leadership viewed as traitors," historian Yosef Heller of Jerusalem's Hebrew University said in an interview published by a Jerusalem weekend newspaper, Kol Hair.

Heller, who based the assertion on his forthcoming book, "The Lehi: From Radical Right to National-Bolshevism," did not elaborate. Shamir denied the allegations through a spokesman, who termed the statements "lies from A to Z."

Shamir also denied he ever discussed Lehi cooperation with Nazi Germany. Avraham Stern was considering such an alliance in his fight against the British, dispatching a Lehi member to meet a German diplomat in Beirut in 1940.

The Bernadotte assassination, Heller said in the interview, was carried out because Lehi "hoped to impress Josef Stalin that Jewish pre-state settlement was fighting against Anglo-American imperialism."

Jordan outlines Al Wihdah Dam project

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Monday's meeting that the dam reservoir would have a total capacity of 225 million cubic metres and a usable storage of 195 million cubic metres annually.

The water, he said, would irrigate an additional 3,500 hectares in the Jordan Valley, supply 50 million cubic metres of water a year to the Greater Amman area and irrigate approximately 500 hectares in the highlands using return flow from the municipal

and industrial water supply to Amman. It will also generate an average of 18,800 megawatt per hour of electricity a year and add 3.6 megawatts of dependable capability to the national electricity system.

The project, Kanaan added, will make it possible for agricultural production in the valley to be maintained at the level anticipated after completion of the conversion to a pressure pipe distribution system which is presently being built. In addition, he said, a major supply of domestic water will be made available for use in the major urban centres at a time when alternative supply sources are only available at a much greater cost.

PLO to declare state

(Continued from page 1)

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media adviser, Avi Pazner.

"We expect nothing from the PLO. We don't ask anything and we won't give them anything," he told Reuters.

Aides to both Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said a Palestinian declaration of independence a few days before Israel's Nov. 1 general election would probably help Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc at the polls.

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were mostly elated by the news and said a declaration of independence coupled with a new political programme would give a major boost to their 10-month-old uprising.

"This is a wise decision. Declaring independence based on Resolution 181 is an assertion of our natural legitimacy to establish our own state," said Ibrahim Dakak, head of the Arab Thought Forum, a nationalist think-tank in Arab Jerusalem. Israel regards Resolution 181 as outdated and unacceptable as a basis for peace talks.

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Jordan, Pakistan study joint phosphate project

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times economic correspondent

IAN — The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) is considering a joint venture with Pakistan to build a phosphate plant in Hyderabad, Jordanian rock phosphate and phosphoric acid.

The JPMC delegation held talks with the Pakistani delegation last week in Islamabad. The project is now in the technical and economic feasibility study stage. The plant is designed to produce super phosphate and diammonium phosphate (DAP). The joint Jordanian-Pakistani company would use the Jordanian phosphate rock and/or phosphoric acid and/or super phosphate. The plant is designed to produce super phosphate and diammonium phosphate (DAP). The joint Jordanian-Pakistani company would use the Jordanian phosphate rock and/or phosphoric acid and/or super phosphate.

Israel issues first permits for direct Palestinian exports

VIV (R) — Israel issued permits for direct fruit exports to Palestinian growers in occupied Gaza Strip to the European Community (EC) last week. The permits are for agricultural products to be exported to the EC. The permits are for agricultural products to be exported to the EC.

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U.S. bank seeks breakup of Israel's biggest company

TEL AVIV (R) — An American bank, in a move that could hurt the Labour Party in next month's general election, has filed a law suit to break up Israel's biggest industrial concern, the trade union-owned Koor Industries.

Bankers Trust, Koor's largest foreign creditor, filed the suit in a Tel Aviv court Sunday, demanding immediate repayment of a \$20 million loan, a Koor spokesman said.

The court gave Koor 10 days to respond to the suit. The spokesman said Koor, which employs 27,000 workers and produces 10 per cent of Israel's gross national product, would fight what he called unfair pressure. He said Koor had a moral obligation to deal evenhandedly with all its creditors.

The suit could hardly come at a worse time for the Labour Party. Its opponents in the election, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, accuse the Histadrut labour federation which owns Koor of bureaucratic economic incompetence.

Finnish trade team departs

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A Finnish economic delegation left Amman Monday at the end of a two-day visit during which its members held talks with Jordanian officials on promoting bilateral cooperation in economic and trade fields.

The talks culminated in the signing of a five-year renewable agreement designed to expand and deepen mutual relations in economic, industrial and technological fields.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

TCC to expand Balqa network

SALT (Petra) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) plans to install an additional six electronic telephone switchboards to add at least 10,560 telephone lines in the Balqa region, according to a TCC spokesman here Monday. He said the new lines will benefit Salt, Allan, Kafra, Karama, Barqa, Subeihi and Masri areas within the governorate. The total cost of the project, he said, is expected to amount to JD 4 million, and work will begin as soon as the TCC finalises studies of bids prior to awarding the contract to a firm, the spokesman said. The project, he added, was part of a general TCC plan to ensure better telecommunications services to the Balqa region.

IMO to aid developing countries

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — The U.N. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) opened an institute in Malta last week to train specialists from developing countries in maritime law. "Legal expertise in this field is almost non-existent in developing countries," said Chandrika Prasad Srivastava, the IMO secretary-general. "The high costs involved in hiring expertise from the developed countries has marred the development and updating of maritime law in developing countries around the world," he added. He said the new institute would complement the IMO's International Maritime University in Sweden.

3,500 GCC projects cost \$16 billion

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council have invested 60 billion riyals (\$16 billion) in more than 3,500 regional industrial projects in the last decade, Saudi Arabia's industry minister announced last week. Abdul Aziz Al Zamil, addressing a conference of GCC industrial ministers, underlined the importance of developing the region's industries, particularly in aluminium, petrochemicals, iron and steel and cement. "We are determined to attain self-sufficiency in these fields," he stressed.

Sudan to increase taxes

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem was quoted last week as saying taxes would be raised to help pay for damage caused by severe floods in August. Al Khartoum newspaper quoted Dayem as saying the government would also cut spending so more resources could be diverted to rebuilding after the floods, which made about two million people homeless and washed away roads and railways. He gave no details of the tax hikes but Western analysts suggested they were designed to encourage the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to provide more aid. The World Bank has already pledged \$75 million to help repair infrastructure damaged in the floods. The Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) quoted a government official as saying last Wednesday the country needed at least \$1 billion to repair flood damage.

Tel Aviv law firm, Bankers Trust said all attempts over the last three weeks had failed to obtain repayment of the debt, which Koor declared it would not repay.

The court is requested to order the liquidation of Koor because of its being insolvent and unable to repay, by its own admission, the amounts of the debt," it said.

Labour leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met economic aides in an urgent effort to find a solution. Likud, currently Labour's partner in a national unity government, supports the privatisation of the Histadrut business empire.

The Jerusalem Post quoted economic officials as saying the government would stand behind Koor Industries and act to prevent a breakup of the company.

The Koor spokesman said: "Koor will do everything in its power to prevent a dismantling."

He said there was no logic in the bank's action, since it would gain nothing by dismantling the firm.

Egg society resets prices

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Cooperative Society for the Production and Marketing of Table Eggs has decided that egg prices in the local market for large sizes will be as follows, in accordance with Ministry of Supply prices:

— From 1,951 grammes and above will be sold for JD 1 for the spate (green stamped);
— From 1,801 to 1,950 grammes to be sold at 950 fils for the spate (red stamped).

The society has taken into consideration people with limited income and has reduced egg prices of smaller sizes by up to 30 per cent which is less than those specified by the Ministry of Supply:

— From 1,651 to 1,800 grammes for 850 fils a spate (blue stamped);
— From 1,501 to 1,650 grammes for 750 fils a spate (yellow stamped);
— From 1,351 to 1,500 grammes for 650 fils a spate (brown stamped);
— From 1,201 to 1,350 grammes for 500 fils a spate (black stamped).

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AQABA (Petra) — Jordanian phosphate exported via Aqaba last August accounted for 54 per cent of the total Jordanian exports in that month, according to Jordanian Ports Corporation (JPC) Director-General Eid Al Fayez.

He said that during August a total of 216 vessels docked at the port, registering a 6.4 increase over the figures of the previous month, but the total volume of goods handled during August at the port registered a five per cent decline compared to July.

Fayez said that the corporation collected JD 3.2 million in revenues during August 1988, registering a 21.1 per cent over the figures of the same month of 1987. He added that the total revenues collected by the corporation during the first eight months of 1988 amounted to JD 21.8 million against nearly JD 20.5 million in the same period of 1987.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Monday rates		Market rates	
	Central Bank official rates		Buy	Sell
	Buy	Sell		
U.S. dollar	376.2	380.2	421.4	425.6
Pound Sterling	640.7	647.1	715.5	726.8
Deutschemark	302.5	204.5	226.4	230.0
Swiss franc	238.6	241.0	267.0	270.6
French franc	59.4	60.0	65.5	66.6
Japanese yen (for 100)	283.0	285.8	—	—
Dutch guilder	179.6	181.4	—	—
Swedish crown	59.1	59.7	59.5	61.5
Italian lira (for 100)	27.2	27.5	—	—
Belgian franc (for 10)	96.5	97.5	—	—
Saudi riyal	—	—	112.4	113.4
Lebanese lira	—	—	—	—
Syrian lira	—	—	9.6	10.0
Iraqi dinar	—	—	290.0	300.0
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1457.5	1468.7
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	172.5	177.5
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	162.5	167.5
UAE dirham	—	—	114.8	115.9
Omani riyal	—	—	115.7	116.7
Omani riyal	—	—	1089.5	1098.0
Bahraini dinar	—	—	1112.3	1123.7

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 10, 1988.			
	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	152836	JD 220746	200
Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Ltd.	360	JD 39193	16
Jordan National Bank	10000	JD 25500	2
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	14350	JD 25113	29
Parallel market:	1335	JD 343	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663194	Jordan Commercial Centres	603507
Ministry of Supply	662121	Free Zones Corporation	642001
Ministry of Finance	636321	Amman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Communications	647941	Association of Banks in Jordan	662558
Ministry of Agriculture	636991	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Income Tax Department	660151	General Statistics Department	646171
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	Jordanian Businessmen Association	660963
Amman Customs Department	772181		
Social Security Corporation	643081		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.7099/7100	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2075/85	Canadian dollar	
	1.8550/55	Deutschemark	
	2.0910/20	Dutch guilder	
	1.5745/55	Swiss franc	
	38.88/91	Belgian franc	
	6.3200/50	French franc	
	13821/583	Italian lire	
	132.40/50	Japanese yen	
	6.3580/3630	Swedish crown	
	6.8600/50	Norwegian crown	
	7.1305/55	Danish crown	
One ounce of gold	406.25/407.50	U.S. dollars	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Prices closed higher but below the day's highs in lacklustre trading. Brokers said the market started busily, but drifted later. The All Ordinaries index rose 9.4 to 1,335.2.

TOKYO — Market closed. Sports Day public holiday.

HONG KONG — Prices closed sharply higher, helped by strong local and overseas demand. The Hang Seng index rose 87.55 to 2,566.42.

SINGAPORE — The market was spurred by Friday's rally on Wall Street and prices closed firm on continued bargain-hunting. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 12.63 to 1,015.90.

BOMBAY — Prices suffered modest losses amid widespread profit-taking. Selling began on rumours that one major company's half-yearly performance would not live up to expectations.

FRANKFURT — Prices surged to 1988 highs in active trading. Underlying sentiment was positive and Wall Street's Friday gains increased foreign interest. The Real Estate 30-share Dax index gained 17.57 to 1,286.93.

ZURICH — Prices were slightly higher in lively trading, though some dealers expected bigger gains after Friday's Wall Street rally. The Swiss index rose 6.7 to 928.9.

PARIS — Prices were steady but failed to extend broad opening gains as investors turned cautious. The 50-share bourse indicator rose by 0.63 per cent.

LONDON — The market, tracking Wall Street's movements, was steady to firm in afternoon trading. Many recent speculative index was up 3.7 at 1,848.4.

NEW YORK — Stocks turned mixed, failing to back Friday's strong rally, as the market lacked direction. The Dow was up four

Iranian 'riyal fever' cools

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Currency dealers said Monday speculators are keeping Iranian money off the currency exchange market in hopes that successful peace talks will send the rate soaring parallel to the surge after the ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

One banker in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), speaking on condition of anonymity, said "the unprofessional public" in the Gulf "sought easy profit from the speculated difference in the exchange rate after peace."

Dealers in the UAE said that 1,000 Iranian riyals sold for four UAE dirhams (\$1.08), but an hour after Iran accepted the ceasefire July 18, the rate suddenly jumped to 5.50 dirhams (\$1.48) for 1,000 riyals.

"Everyone was expecting the rial to improve further," said another banking source.

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Baseball playoffs

Athletics to play in world series

OAKLAND (R) — The Oakland Athletics limited the Boston Red Sox to four hits in beating them 4-1 Sunday to win the American League championship series in a record four-consecutive games and gain entry to the world series.

Relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a former 20-game winner for the Red Sox, pitched the ninth inning and earned a record fourth save in the series, for which he was named the most valuable player.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Jose Canseco, his third of the series.

The Athletics made it 2-0 in the third inning on two singles followed by a double by Dave Henderson, also a former Red Sox player.

Dodgers defeat Mets

Kirk Gibson's 12th-inning home run lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets early Monday to

tie the National League championship series at two games apiece.

Gibson, who had one hit in 16 at bats in the series before his homer off New York reliever Roger McDowell, powered his blast 125 metres over the right-field fence.

The Mets led 4-2 going into the top of the ninth inning when Mets starter Dwight Gooden walked the leadoff hitter and gave up a first-pitch home run to Mike Scioscia, the Dodger catcher who had hit just three homers in the regular season.

The Mets threatened to come back and win it in the bottom of the 12th inning when they put men on first and second base with none out.

The fifth game is scheduled for New York Monday. The best-of-seven games series will then move to Los Angeles. The winner will meet the Oakland Athletics in the world series.

Canadian athletes admit drug charges

TORONTO (AP) — Hard drugs like cocaine, heroin and LSD have been widely used by some Canadian runners in wild attempts to win their races, says sprinter Angela Bailey.

"Cocaine, heroin, LSD, whatever they can do to win, they'll do it," Bailey said.

Her claims to the Toronto star are backed up by John Mumford, her former coach, who has closely followed the progress of what he calls a "squeaky clean" athlete

since he left coaching three years ago.

Mumford said Sunday that he has seen athletes at recent competitions whose hyperventilation after a sprint points to "amphetamine and cocaine use."

Bailey was surprised by Angela Issajenko's admission in an earlier Toronto star story that she has taken steroids for years.

She said she knows of six other athletes, besides Ben Johnson and Issajenko, who use steroids.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF

WHICH SUIT?

Neither vulnerable North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ A 7
♦ A K 7 5 4 3
♣ 7

WEST
♠ K 7 2
♥ J 10 9 6 4
♦ Q J 10
♣ 8 6

EAST
♠ Q 5 4
♥ Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A 10 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A J 8
♥ A 2
♦ 8 2
♣ K Q J 4 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of

Fifty years ago this month, the American Contract Bridge League was formed when the organizations of Clubbism and the rest of the tournament bridge world merged. About two weeks ago, that event was commemorated by the Royal Viking ACBL Golden Anniversary Party. This was the first major ACBL event to be commercially sponsored.

How good were the players of those days? The late Albert Morehead wrote about a neat surgical job done on him by pair of doctors. The

medical duo reached a good three no trump contract on an auction too straightforward for most modern experts.

West led the top of his heart sequence. Where would you win the first trick and which suit would you go after if you were in the South seat?

With eight diamonds and only seven clubs, it might seem that the former would be the natural choice to develop first. However, declarer realized that, even if the diamond distribution were favorable, he would have only eight tricks if he went after that suit. When the opponents got in with their diamond trick, they would remove his last heart stopper and that would be that. So declarer won the first trick in dummy and led the singleton club.

If Morehead, East, rose with the ace of clubs, declarer would have five club tricks and 10 in total, so he had to follow low. Declarer's king won, but he did not make the mistake of continuing the suit; that would have needed a 3-3 split. Instead, declarer ducked a diamond. Even though his last heart stopper was then forced out, he had enough tricks when the diamonds followed the odds and divided 3-2—one spade, two hearts, five diamonds and a club.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Canadian hopes stalled

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Canadian hopes for a berth in the 1990 World Cup in Italy were stalled Sunday as the Canada's national soccer team lost 1-0 to Guatemala. Byron Jerez sent 30,000 fans at Olympic stadium wild when he scored for the Guatemalan team on a penalty kick in the 19th minute of the first half. The second match of the two-game series will be played Oct. 15 in Burnaby, B.C.

Austria leads in chess Olympiad

VENICE (R) — The first day's play of the eighth world team Olympiad Sunday left Austria well ahead in Group A. Alone of the 56 competing nations, the runners up in the 1984 Olympiad scored a maximum 25 points in all three matches. In the same group Poland, the reigning champions, overcame the United States, strong favourites in the betting, by 21-9. The easier Group B is tightly bunched, with former Olympiad champions Brazil narrowly ahead.

Falcons cornerback dies

LAWRENCEVILLE (AP) — Atlanta Falcons cornerback David Croudpie died early Monday after suffering seizures at his home, police said. He was 29. The cause of death was not immediately determined, said police detective Larry Walton. Walton said the crew of an ambulance summoned by Croudpie's wife found him suffering seizures.

Tanzanian wins Berlin marathon

WEST BERLIN (R) — Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui became the first man to win the West Berlin marathon two years in a row Sunday when he beat Greek outsider Spyros Andriopoulos in a race hampered by rain and wind. Nyambui clocked two hours 11 minutes 45 seconds to win from Andriopoulos (2:12:04) and Ethiopia's Tulu Mekonen (2:12:29). The time was 34 seconds slower than his winning effort last year and well outside the course record of 2:11:03 seconds set in 1986 by Poland's Droguslaw Psujek.

Tyson not distracted by divorce

CLEVELAND (AP) — Undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson says he doesn't plan to let a divorce lawsuit filed by his wife, actress Robin Givens, stand in the way of preparations for his next title defence. Promoter Don King said Tyson would be training at the promoter's camp in Orwell, about 65 kilometres east of Cleveland, before fighting Frank Bruno in December. Tyson extended his professional record to 31 wins and no losses June 27 when he knocked out Michael Spinks after 91 seconds in his latest title defence. He said he did not plan to contest the divorce suit filed in Los Angeles Friday by his wife. "I'm not going to go into details. I'm only human," Tyson said calmly.

Tal leads Kasparov

REYKJAVIK (R) — Former Soviet world champion Mikhail Tal led the world cup chess tournament after six rounds with a half-point margin ahead of current champion Garry Kasparov. Tal, world champion in 1960, defeated Hungarian grandmaster Lajos Portisch in 40 moves with a slashing king-side attack. He has 4.5 points of a possible six, half a point ahead of three other Soviet stars — Kasparov, Alexander Beljavsky and Artur Yusupov.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The major difficulty you'll face today is a tendency to believe you must force issues or engage in confrontations in order to achieve your aims. Actually, a diplomatic attitude and tact would be more effective.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You'll have some fine new ideas, but don't get bogged down by details and forget the main points. Avoid any boring routines today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't waste your time investigating pleasures which you know are too expensive. Show your mate your devotion — vocally.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Leave the house early and see the prominent people who can help you to become more affluent. Public work can be very beneficial.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) This is a fine day to handle some important activities which you've been putting off. Handle your correspondence tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Think about some amusements you've enjoyed in the past and get into them again now. Take your mate out for a good time tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try to help some family friends attain

their ambitions, and put aside your own wishes for now. Invite an interesting guest into your home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) This is a fine day for accomplishing much in the business world. Be more positive when dealing with others. Enjoy a hobby.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) Focus your attention on increasing your income by forgetting pleasure for a while. Suffer clear of friends who may distract you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) This is not the day to ask a favor of a superior. Try to be more self-reliant, and don't depend on friends to pull you out of a jam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Steer clear of a new contact who could easily get you into some very big trouble. Your greatest happiness can come from your mate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) The company of a long-time friend and some relatives will help you forget your worries. Avoid an argument with your mate tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Tend to your credit affairs which have some hidden problems. A superior will be quite receptive to granting you a needed favor today.

Tennis tournaments

Edberg wins Basle Grand Prix; Evert receives title No. 157

BASLE (R) — Top-seeded Swede Stefan Edberg ended hopes of a first-ever home triumph in the Basle Tennis Grand Prix when he beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in the final Sunday.

Edberg, who raised his tally of Grand Prix triumphs to 18 with his third this year, collected \$48,000.

Evert wins

In New Orleans, top-seed Chris Evert fought back from a shaky start to win her 157th singles title by beating Anne Smith 6-4, 6-1 in the \$250,000 New Orleans women's tennis tournament on Sunday.

Despite making a number of unforced errors and resorting to a more defensive baseline game than usual, Evert said she never felt in trouble.

Smith, ranked 54th in the world, broke Evert's serve in the first and third games of the all-American match to lead 3-1 after holding serve in the fourth game.

Evert came back to break Smith in the sixth game and

gained steam from that powerful forehand and times forcing Smith to try winners by rushing the net.

"I can't afford any more losses," Evert said. "I've had 10 or three this year and I really don't need any more. As well as playing I don't feel like I should lose to her."

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Evert's victory was her second in a row and earned her \$50,000. Smith received \$22,500.

"She made a lot of errors normally doesn't make," Smith said. "But when she plays poorly in the first set she's going to stronger. She just gets stronger."

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U.S. athletes defy ban to compete in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies)

— A group of rebel U.S. athletes, defying a world sports boycott of South Africa, arrived Sunday for a visit which could end their international sporting careers.

The 12 athletes will compete in three meetings around South Africa, the group's organisers said.

They include Carole Cady, holder of the American women's record for discus and a finalist in the Seoul Olympics, and John Powell, also a discus-thrower, who is a former world record holder and won a silver medal in last year's Rome world championships.

The three meets, Oct. 15, 16, and 22, will mark the first international Track and Field competitions in South Africa since the country was expelled from the International Amateur Athletics Federation in 1976.

South Africa has not been allowed to compete in the Olympic Games since 1960 because of its apartheid practices. However, most sports, including Track and Field, are integrated.

Completing the group are 11 Hinkins (pole vault), Dave L (shot putt), Tyrus Jefferson (1 jump), James Robinson (5 metres), Ray Wickell (5 metres), Milan Stewart (metres hurdles), Kevin Andr (long jump), James Andr (sprints), Cedric Gilder (metres hurdles) and Keith deideaux (400 and 800 metre

linson said.

Sponsors were believed to have offered around two million dollars to lure the group, the South African Press Association (SAPANA) reported.

South Africa, which is barred from competing internationally many sports due to its apartheid policies, often attracts foreign athletes in sports such as boxing and golf by offering large sums of money.

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3 lead San Remo rally

SAN REMO, Italy (R) — Spain's

Carlos Sainz, last year's champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland and Italy's Dario Cerrato shared the lead at the end of the first day of the San Remo Motor Rally Monday.

They completed the five special stages in 42 minutes 16 seconds —

just five seconds ahead of favourite Massimo Biasion in the third stage.

Most of the driving was ordinary roads dampened sporadic showers. But the final stage near Turin was held on twisting dirt track which tests the most experienced drivers.

THE BETTER HALF

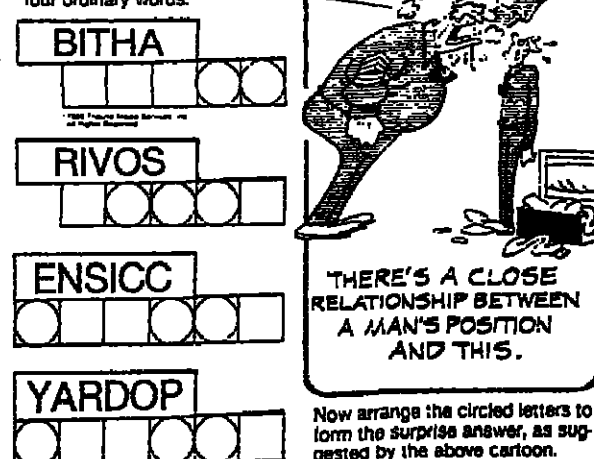
By Harris



"Getting him to dress nice on weekends is too much trouble. So I got slipcovers for him."

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

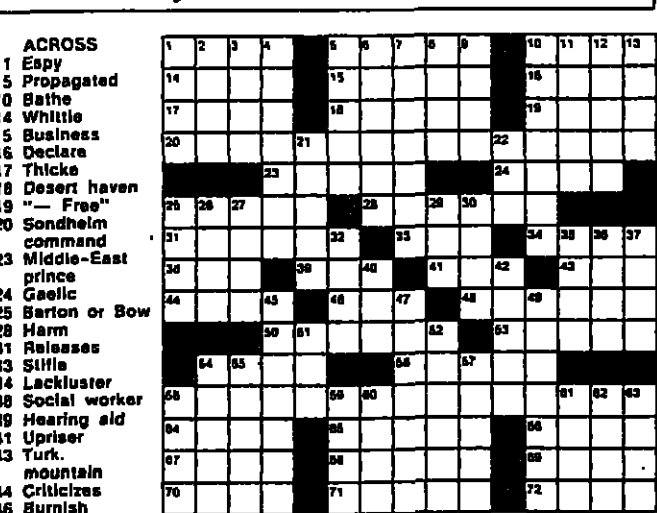


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HIS (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: WALTZ COLON MOROSE STUDIO
Answer: Who saw the dinosaur entering the restaurant? — THE DINERS SAW

THE Daily Crossword by Fran Ragus



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:
ACROSS
1. Miss Adams
2. Offspring
3. abbr.
4. Worked hard
5. Gains
6. Capt. Nemo's creator
7. Sea eagles
8. Reflection
9. Prop
10. Applaud
11. Russ. river
12. Envelope abbr.
13. Disfigure
14. Ripens
15. Scull
16. Yemen city
17. Expose
18. Sail routine
19. Entity
20. Uniform decorations
21. Torment
22. Shocks
23. Miller or Sheridan
24. Redford
25. Wallace or Noah
26. Marble
27. Cozy retreats
28. Nell
29. Trueheart
30. Laugh
31. La Bouce
32. Necessity
33. Ferber

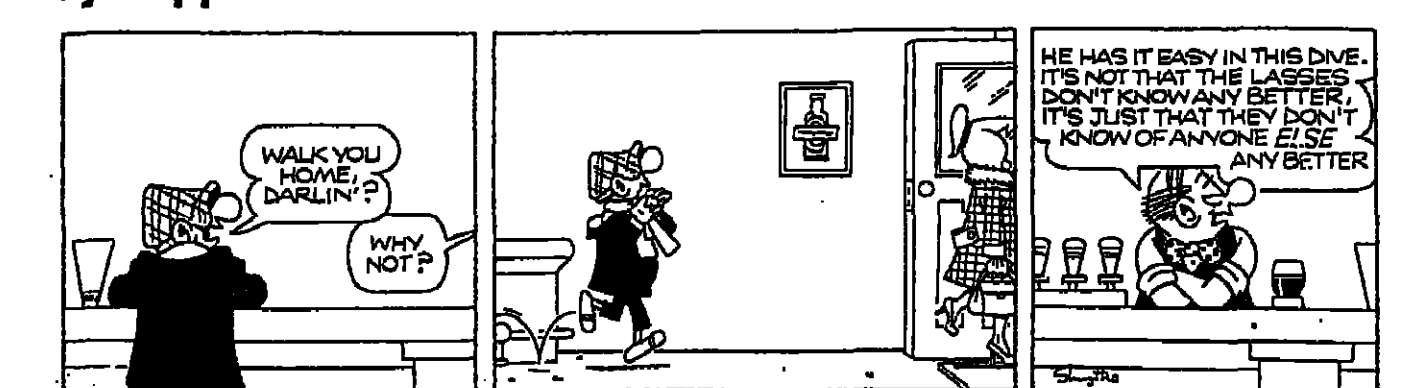
Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



new 'urgent measures' fail to quell strikes, rallies

Authorities crack down on protesters in Montenegro

BELGRADE (AP) — Communist authorities denounced the imposition of "urgent measures" Sunday in the capital of Montenegro republic as thousands of workers and students continued rallies in defiance of President Raif Dizdarevic.

Urgent measures are being introduced because of a sudden deterioration of the political and social situation and the possibility that it will spread," the press agency Tanjug announced in a statement by the republic's state presidency. It did not specify the urgent measures will be of a repressive nature, aimed only at those who are abusing the

warned that if order was not restored, government controls could be stepped up.

The unrest continued Monday. In the northern Montenegrin town of Niksic, several thousand steel mill workers Monday continued to strike for a second day, rallying outside factory management offices, witnesses said. In the Montenegrin capital of Titograd, 450 kilometres south-west of Belgrade, about 1,000 construction workers who had led a rally of 20,000 people Friday gathered inside factory gates to call again for the ouster of local communist leaders, Tanjug said. The crowd rejected pleas from local officials to return to work.

Hundreds of Titograd students, who started a protest fast Sunday to press demands for free elections, were joined Sunday night by students in Niksic, 50 kilometres north of Titograd, and the port city of Kotor.

The speech followed three months of nationwide labour and ethnic protests and Saturday's violent clashes between demonstrators and riot police in the southern republic of Montenegro. Yugoslavia is a federation of six republics and two autonomous provinces. Power rests with the Communist Party; each of the provinces and republics has its own party hierarchy.

Pravda faults leaders for unrest

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda Monday said corruption, including "shameless speculation" and "between criminals and the forces of Azerbaijan, were at the root of ethnic disturbances in Nagorno-Karabakh."

The Communist Party paper also accused leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh of refusing to accept help from the Azerbaijani authorities. Commenting on the past eight years of inter-ethnic conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, where 75 per cent of the population is Armenian, Pravda said the main fault with officials opposed to the leader Mikhail Gor-

bachiev's reform programme. "Their actions had resulted in the destabilisation of Nagorno-Karabakh and other areas, it said.

"Shameless speculation, the intertwining of criminal elements with the departments of law and order and even party and government organs — all this is the scourge of Azerbaijan," Pravda declared.

It said that under the former leadership of the republic grain production fell by 52 per cent, meat by 66 per cent and milk by 70 per cent during the years 1970-87.

Even under present-day condi-

Court rejects Marcos' return

MANILA (R) — A Philippine court Monday rejected a petition by deposed ruler Ferdinand Marcos to return home and answer corruption charges, saying the decision was up to President Corazon Aquino.

Anti-graft court Justice Romeo Escobar issued the ruling a month before the court begins a pre-trial hearing on allegations that Marcos received millions of dollars in kickbacks from Japanese companies during his 20-year rule. Aquino has barred Marcos' return from exile in Hawaii, calling him a threat to national security.

Escobar said Marcos' return was a political question beyond the reach of his court and one only Aquino could resolve.

He suggested Marcos could challenge the ban by elevating his case to the Supreme Court. The 71-year-old Marcos, who has lived in Hawaii since being ousted in a 1986 popular revolt, had asked Escobar to order the government to issue travel documents so he could defend himself personally in the Nov. 7-9 hearings.

Former Public Highways Minister Baltazar Aquino who is to testify at the hearings, said in an affidavit he collected commissions from Japanese companies for Marcos and deposited them in the former president's bank accounts in Hong Kong.

A government report said Marcos and some aides received between 1966 and 1981 at least \$47.7 million in alleged kickbacks from Japanese firms. Marcos has been pressing Aquino to lift the ban on him, saying he also wants to attend the funeral of his mother, who died five months ago and has remained unburied.



Saw Maung has claimed order has been restored in Burma but protests are continuing

Rebels battle Burmese soldiers

RANGOON (AP) — Some 1,000 guerrillas trying to seize a government post fought fierce battles with soldiers Monday along the river border with Thailand, a government spokesman said.

The Karen guerrillas raided perimeter outposts Sept. 26, then sent reinforcements to attack government troops at Methaway on the western bank of the Moel River, said spokesman Kyaw Sann.

More than 150 shells from mortars and recoilless rifles, fired from the Thai side of the river, crashed into Methaway Sunday, he told a news conference. Shells fired by the guerrillas inside Burma also struck Thai territory, he said.

The area is about 210

kilometres northeast of Rangoon.

Kyaw Sann, who gave no casualty figures, said the fighting continued Monday "in the second biggest engagement" since Sept. 23 when government forces drove back some 2,000 guerrillas of the Burma Communist Party from Mong Yang in the east.

The government had said more than 200 communist guerrillas and 47 soldiers, including five officers, were killed in that fighting. The communists attacked the government outpost at Mong Yang, but were driven back by additional soldiers.

The Karens, an ethnic-based group, and the communists are the country's two most powerful insurgencies. They have been

fighting the government for decades, the Karens seeking greater autonomy for their areas.

Kyaw Sann also acknowledged more than 3,000 students had joined the rebel groups since military commander General Saw Maung seized power in Rangoon Sept. 18. He said some were receiving military training.

Officials of three rebel groups told reporters Sunday in Thailand that some 4,000 students and other civilians had joined their ranks. Students were at the forefront of recent pro-democracy demonstrations in Rangoon, but they were driven underground by Saw Maung's troops, who have killed at least 440 people since the takeover.

COLUMN 10

Actor honoured by British film academy

LONDON (AP) — The British Film Academy Sunday honoured actor Dirk Bogarde with its first award for outstanding contribution to world cinema. Hundreds of celebrities, led by Queen Elizabeth II's daughter Princess Anne, gathered at London's Odeon Movie Theatre to honour the 67-year-old veteran of nearly 50 films. The army's Grenadier guards band played in the rain outside the theatre as nearly 300 fans cheered in the street. Inside, an audience of 2,000 gave Bogarde a five-minute standing ovation. Bogarde, whose movies include "Death in Venice," "The Servant," "Victim," "Darling" and "The Damned," is recovering from a stroke he suffered last year. He has written three novels and four volumes of autobiography. "Dirk is in a league of his own. He stands out among his acting colleagues as one of the greats," said movie director Sir Richard Attenborough, vice president of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, which made the award.

Parton talks about hair

RADNER, Pennsylvania (AP) — Singer Dolly Parton says female country singers have changed with the times — their hair especially. "You could always tell a woman country singer from miles away," Parton said in an interview in the publication TV Guide. "You were judged not by how good you were but by how big your hairdo was. I look at the pictures from back then and I think, 'Oh, my God in heaven, the devil must have made me wear hair like that.'"

Reverend performs offbeat weddings

NORTH MUSKEGON, Michigan (AP) — When it comes to the marriage business, the Reverend Ben Jansen will perform the wedding ceremony in almost any fashion, just as long as the fashion includes clothes. "A couple called and asked if I would marry them in the buff (nude)," Jansen said. "I thought she said 'on the bus' and I said sure. I did the wedding, but we all had clothes on." What started as a way to supplement his income as pastor of the 70-member Christ Community Congregational Church seven years ago has become a passion for Jansen, and, he says, a very important part of his ministry. It was not long before Jansen, 42, began getting requests from people who were turned down by other pastors in town because they did not want a church ceremony.

Como says 'yech' afterwards

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Perry Como says the "awful novelty songs" that his concert audiences still demand have been haunting him since the 1930s, when he sang with Ted Weem's Big Band. He said he and Frank Sinatra and all the other singers used to talk about all the terrible songs they had to sing. Como, 76, said he still winces when performing such million-selling hits as "Papa Love Mamma" and "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes." "A Hubba-Hubba-Hubba" was another sick one and another gold record," said Como, who is performing at a large Hotel-Casino in Atlantic City. "I still do them onstage once in a while because the audience wants it, but I say 'yech' afterwards."

Six-year-old driver

TAPPAN, New York (AP) — A six-year-old boy drove his grandmother's car eight kilometres through two states in a nighttime rainstorm, making turns and keeping up with traffic on roads with speed limits up to 72 kilometres per hour. "The kid was driving pretty dognone good," said Lawrence Forgacs, a chiropractor who chased and caught up with the tiny driver after seeing him drive past his office window. The boy, identified by police only as Jeffrey, was at his grandmother's house in Haworth, New Jersey, when she fell asleep Sunday evening, police in Orangetown, New York, said. The boy, whose parents are separated, took his grandmother's car keys and drove off in her 1987 Chrysler, heading for his father's house in Valley Cottage, New York, almost 16 kilometres away. In Tappan, Forgacs saw the car go past. He and a patient, Frank Thomas, gave chase in separate cars.

Tamils kill 45 in village massacre

CHENNAI (R) — Tamil separatist guerrillas shot and hacked to death 45 villagers including 18 children in northern Sri Lanka Sunday. The massacre was the latest in a series of attacks by the Tamil Tigers on government forces and civilians in the north.

The Tigers rejected last year's Indo-Sri Lankan Pact that stipulated the establishment of the council and are continuing an armed campaign for an independent state.

In the Matara district of the Sinhalese-inhabited south, two police stations were attacked Monday morning by People's Liberation Front (JVP) rebels.

Police said they killed five JVP members in a gun battle during an attack on Gandara police sta-

tion. A few kilometres away another battle erupted when front gunmen opened fire on the police station at Urubokka. The attackers were repulsed and no casualties were reported.

The government imposed a 24-hour curfew in Matara from Monday morning after the JVP called for a one-day strike in protest against the pact signed by India and Sri Lanka aimed at ending five years of ethnic violence on the island.

The front, composed mainly of majority Sinhalese, has criticised the pact as a sell-out to India and opposed the merger of the Tamil-dominated north with the east.

Indian troops overstay welcome in Sri Lanka

By Patrick Cruz

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — One day ago Monday, Indian troops landed on the island nation, seeking to quell the Tamil rebels' struggle for an independent nation in northern and eastern provinces.

They were regarded as heroes, now have become the enemy. When we saw the Indian troops arrive here, we greeted them with garlands as our saviours," said Parameswari, a housewife who spoke on television her family name not mentioned.

She realised our mistake," she said. "The Indians launched an operation not only against the Tamil Tigers, but Tamil civilians."

Sri Lanka and India signed a peace accord July 29, 1987, aimed at ending the five-year-old civil war between the Tamil Tigers, who are 18 per cent of the island's 16 million people, and the Sinhalese.

The Tamils, who trace their roots to southern India, claim they are oppressed by the Sinhalese, who comprise 75 per cent of the population and control the government and economy.

But 8,500 people have died since the insurgency began in 1983, including an estimated 1,000 civilians and 625 soldiers.

On Oct. 10, 1987, less than months after the agreement was signed, India started sending 50,000 troops across the island to Sri Lanka. They arrived with orders to crush the most powerful of the rebel groups, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, and rejected the accord. It offered too few concessions.

Estimated 47,000 Indian troops remain in Sri Lanka, and the Indian government says they will stay until President J.R. Jayewardene says he no longer needs



A Tamil rebel with bodies of Indian army soldiers killed in Sri Lanka.

"We have gone through World War I and now we are in the midst of World War II," said one Tamil woman, who did not want her name used because she feared for her safety.

Jaffna, a city of about 100,000 people some 300 kilometres north of Colombo, the capital, is under siege. On Oct. 3, two pistol shots

fired near a crowded bus stop killed two young Tamil men. The next day, three Indian soldiers died when a booby-trapped bicycle exploded. Indian soldiers retaliated by fatally shooting a young Tamil trying to flee.

Tamils in Jaffna have mixed feelings about the presence of Indian soldiers. Many want the troops to leave, others aren't sure.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

2 tankers collide, cause oil spill

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Two oil tankers collided early Monday in the Singapore Straits, causing an oil spill over a 5.1-square-kilometre area, an official said. No one was injured in the collision between the Century Dawn and the Asean Energy, said Captain Jaafar Lamri, head of the Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centre in Port Klang, 30 kilometres west of here. Jaafar told the Bernama news agency the Century Dawn, carrying more than 9,000 cubic metres of crude, and the empty Asean Energy collided about 16 kilometres south of Pengerang off southern Johore State. The collision badly damaged the Century Dawn, causing its cargo in spill over a five-square-kilometre area, Lamri said. The Singapore Marine Department has deployed boats to clean up the spill.

Yugoslav train wreck kills 33

BELGRADE (AP) — At least 33 people were killed and several others injured when two cars of an express passenger train derailed at a station in eastern Yugoslavia Sunday, the state Tanjug news agency reported Monday. The 7:20 p.m. (1820 GMT) crash in Lapovo, some 80 kilometres south of Belgrade, was initially thought to have killed 20 people, police said. The train was on a regular run from the southern city of Skopje to Belgrade when its last two cars jumped off the rails at full speed at the Lapovo station and rammed into an engine of a parked freight train, Tanjug said. A Belgrade radio report described the impact as "tremendous." Initial findings suggest that technical failure, rather than human error, was the cause of the accident as the engine driver reportedly entered the station observing all signals and did not exceed speed limits, the agency said.

Gas forces evacuation of U.S. town

NITRO, West Virginia (R) — Police evacuated 3,500 people from this small industrial town Sunday as experts prepared to destroy a cylinder of lethal cyanide gas. J.R. Smith, chief of the West Virginia State Police, said the cylinder had been found along with other potentially hazardous materials in the warehouse of a chemical company that went out of business a month ago. Experts

from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prepared to blow up the cylinder, which Smith described as a virtual time bomb because of rusting and decay. "They'll explode it and burn it," Smith said, adding that the experts were working slowly and with extreme caution because "they're afraid that just by touching it may cause something."

Medical pioneer, wife die together

MIAMI (AP) — Frank Gollan, who isolated the polio virus and invented the first heart-lung machine, and his wife died at their home in what their son said appeared to be a double suicide. "My father made various allusions to suicide," said Andy Gollan, adding he believes his father and stepmother each took an overdose of pills Wednesday night. Gollan, 78, left a note explaining that he and his 81-year-old wife, Alice, were concerned about their deteriorating health. The couple's bodies were discovered late Thursday afternoon when neighbours noticed they had not picked up their mail or newspaper. A spokesman for the Dade County Medical Examiner's Office said the deaths would not be classified until the results of toxicology tests are in, which could take up to two weeks. Gollan had polio as a child and grew up determined to find a cure.

Taiwan to produce own jet fighter

TAIPEI (AP) — Taiwan plans to finish a prototype of its first locally developed jet fighter by the end of the year, the defence ministry announced Sunday. The ministry said the military-run Chungshan Science Institute in northern Taiwan plans mass production of the fighter next year. The statement from the ministry said development of the fighter began in 1983 after Taiwan experienced difficulty in purchasing weapons from abroad. The statement did not say whether the plane was being built with U.S. assistance, although the Star-Telegram newspaper of Fort Worth, Texas, reported in May that the General Dynamics Corporation has secretly helped Taiwan develop a new fighter plane for the past three years. The Americans assisted some 100 Taiwanese engineers with the design, a programme approved by the U.S. State Department but operated quietly to avoid offending China, according to the report.